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by 1% but inflation again rises

Building societies yesterday agreed to reduce their mortgage interest rate to 11.25 per cent. a one percentage point cut that will knock £7.30 a month off the gross payments on a £10,000 mortgage. And there was an indication that there could be a further reduction later in October 1975.

the year. However, the cost of living is still rising, with the March retail price index showing a 1 per cent surge to 16.7 per cent above its level a year earlier. The underlying rate, based on six-month figures, is now 18.7 per cent, the highest since

Further mortgage cut hinted

The new mortgage interest rate takes place immediately for new borrowers and from May 1 for existing homebuyers.

down from 7.8 per cent to 7 per cent. This is equivalent to 10.77 per cent gross assuming a basic rate of tax of 35 per cent or 10.45 per cent if the tax rate comes down to 33 per

Uncertainty about the out-come of the pay policy talks and the future level of taxation hampered the association in

rate level was finally agreed. There was, however, no doubt in anyone's mind that rates would come down.

that the insufficient.

to the pay policy negotiations, and the trend of interest rates in general.

right direction. Now at 9 per cent compared with 15 per cent when the mortgage rate was raised to 12.25 per cent last year, there is a strong possi-bility that the banks will reduce

The new investment rate of 7 per cent, tax paid, is still extremely attractive compared with the present bank deposit rate of 5 per cent and will become increasingly so if the deposit rate falls further. However, as Mr Potter pointed out, other forms of saving, notably the investment accounts in the the investment accounts in the

As expected the net inflow

The association is cautiously revising its lending target for 1977. It had hoped to equal at least the £6,000m lent during 1977. This hope took a sharp setback earlier but now appears to have been reinstated. Already March commitments are

Minimum lending rate cut,

labour force at British Ley-land's Longbridge factory in Birmingham, accompanied by a one third cutback in production of the new £200m Mini develop-

of the new £200m Mini development, is one of the proposals the company is studying in the Government - enforced reappraisal of its operations.

Sources within the area reported last night that up to a fifth of the 19,000 manual workers at Longbridge could lose their jobs if the National Enterprise Board (NEB) and Mr Varley, the Secretary of State for Industry, accepted the proposal as an alternative to proposal as an alternative to dropping the Mini project

Present plans call for a few

A substantial reduction in the 170,000 in 1980, 230,000 in 1981. Allegro's poor sales performand's Longbridge factory in the interest of the new £200m Mini development, is one of the proposals. clear the decks for the new
Mini, explains why plans call
for production of this model
to be switched to the much
smaller assembly plant at Seneffe, in Belgium.
Its removal will leave Longheidre bearing overnamed

targets bur achieve a maximum of 200,000 well before 1985. As all those figures relate to planned capacity, which is seldom achieved in British car factorles, actual output would be even lower.

Longbridge already has, on paper at least, capacity for 500,000 cars a year. The best it has ever done was 450,000 Minis and 1100 models in the late 1960s, when the larger car was at the height of its popularity.

The Allegro, which replaced the 1100, has been a disappointment and that has left Leyland cars involved.

Hill, explaint why plant at Con production of this model to be switched to the much smaller assembly plant at Sendige heavily overmanned even if Mr Varley decides to take a risk and go for the 300,000 target. It is principally for that reason that Mr Derek Whittaker, managing director of Leyland Cars, faced several confrontations at Longbridge to obtain a full commitment from the labour force for substantially higher productivity and more job mobility.

Last year Leyland produced about 160,000 Minis, half of which went to overseas markets, mainly Europe. It seems likely that with that continuing support for an 18-year-old model Leyland should be able to sell up to 200,000 new Minis without too much trouble.

However, opponents of the compromise—and there are many within the company, including Mr Whittaker and Mr Alex Park, the chief executive—suggest that it would inevitably lead to reduced profit

margins
"If we lower our sights on
the new Mini we shall be build-

The lower and therefore have a but do nothing for our profitform- smaller impact on the rest of ability, was how one Leyland
ed to the group if it runs into trouble.

There were Leyland produced

A Leyland Cars statement

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A Leyland Cars statement last night said: "A review of all its current business plans is being conducted by British Leyland. It will go to the NEB when completed later this month. Out of sheer commercial necessity consideration is being given to various alternative strategies.

"We would like to make it clear, however, that Leyland Cars continues to support the original plan for the new Mini project. There is increasing evidence that our employees support the need for this car,

support the need for this car, that the public wants to buy it and that it will be a contribuing an import stopper that may tor of satisfactory profits."

By Margaret Stone
The widely expected one
point drop in the mortgage interest rate to 11.25 per cent was announced yesterday by Mr Raymond Potter, chairman of the Building Societies Associa-tion, who also hinted at a further rate change later in the

The effect of the change from the present rate of 12.25 per cent will be to knock £7.30 a month off the gross repayments on a £10,000 mortgage.

Investors' rates will also be reduced on May 1 and come

Mr Potter denied yesterday

that the Government had put pressure on the building pressure on the building societies despite recent statements from Mr. Healey about looking forward to a rate reduction. But already some Labour MPs are complaining that the reduction is

Insufficient.

It does seem likely, however, that rates could be reduced by as much as half a point later in the year. Much depends on the flow of funds into the societies, a successful ourcome to the new policy provided.

Yesterday's further small cut in MLR (announced after the association had reached its decision) is a pointer in the reaching its decision. Both hawks and doves on the council had their say before the deposit rates still further.

National Savings Bank, are still around 10 per cent.

of funds in March was dis-appointing at £202m, virtually the same as in February, but the outlook for April is much more cheerful with net receipts in the region of £280m predicted. A regular net mouthly inflow of £280m-£300m for the rest of the year is now hoped

back to 1976 levels at £509m.

Prices index climbs to 16.7%

By David Blake

Just as the Government feared, inflation is now accelerating again at the very moment the Chancellor is trying to persuade unions to accept another round of pay restraint. The retail price index in March rose 1 per cent to stand 16.7 per cent above its level a year

The underlying rate of infla-tion, which is best measured by looking at how prices have moved in the past six mouths and excluding some seasonal items, is now at 18.7 per cent, its highest since October, 1975. Nor can the Government spect much good news in the next few months, during which the crucial negotiations with the unions will be taking place, expected to push up prices this month as extra taxes on petrol and cigarertes are collected-March's rise was not in itself particularly dramatic, but it does confirm the general impression last month that February's drop in the pace of

talks in

announced today.

Paris soon

Washington, April 15.-The

United States and Vietnam will begin discussions in Paris on

May 3 on establishing normal

relations, the State Department

Mr Hodding Carter, speaking

for the department, said an Assistant Secretary of State, Mr

Richard Holbrooke, would lead the United States delegation. Mr Carter said he did not know

who would represent Vietnam or how long these first talks

Preparations for the meeting had gone " quite smoothly " and there was " no haggling or dis-

agreement" over the arrange-

Asked if Mr Cyrus Vance, the

Mr Vance will be in Europe

The President has said that

Pressure from right, page 3

to be giving cause for concern.

conference

in May to meet Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign

Secretary of State, might join the talks at some time, he said:

"I have nothing on that."

Spain goes to polls in June

ministers'

and Reuter.

popular impression that almost everything went up in the month to mid-March, with only tobacco and seasonal foods excepted. Alcohol and meals out went up particularly sharply, as did clothing and footwear.

nearly 14 per cent. This year the underlying rate of inflation is nearly 19 per cent and rising, while even if the 16.7 per cent increase figure is used as a measure of infla-tion over the past 12 months, this compares unfavourably with an increase in average

Nor only would it increase domestic costs, the Government could argue, but a new financial panic could bring about a repetition of last year's infla-

December. By the second quarter of next year it is hoped that the rate could at last be down to

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Another royal baby: The Duchess of Gloucester, photographed on a recent visit to Oxford, is expecting her second child in November, the same month as Princess Anne expects her first baby. The Duchess, who had a miscarriage before the birth of her

first child, the Earl of Ulster, who was born prematurely, is "very well"; after July she will cancel all engagements. If the Duchess's baby is a boy he will take the title Baron Culloden. The Danish-born Duchess met her husband while studying in Cambridge.

Dr Owen arrives in Salisbury with 'front-line' backing

From Nicholas Ashford and Michael Knipe

Salisbury, April 15 Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, arrived in Salisbury from Lusaka tonight having succeeded in gaining the approval of four "front-line" African presidents for his strategy aimed at achieving a peaceful

aimed at achieving a peaceint transfer to majority rule in Rhodesia in 1978.

In particular, he has received assurances that although they will continue to support the Patriotic Front nacionalist alliance while the guerrilla war continues, they accept that the other nationalist organizations should participate in any new constitutional talks.

Dr Owen will have a second round of talks tomorrow with Mr Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, who he met in Cape Town on Wednesday. He is expected to elaborate on the discussions be had with the Presidents of Tanzania, Mozambique, Botswane and Zambia. He will also discuss further his plans to get a series of British-American co-sponsored conerences under way

Dr Owen is now more optimistic about the prospects of get-ting negotiations restarted than when he began his southern African tour. Before flying to Salisbury he had a two-and-ahalf-hour discussion with Pre-sident Kaunda of Zambia, which he said afterwards had gone very well.

President Kaunda had ex-pressed considerable scepticism about the chance of achiev-ing a peaceful settlement, "but he believed there were possi-

bilities I might succeed.

The President had made it clear that the war should continue while negotiations took place, and he had accepted this. But the Zambian leader had in turn accepted that the fighting would have to stop before elections could be held.

According to British sources President Kaunda accepted that all nationalist groups should be represented during the con-stitutional negotiations, despite his well-known public hostility to Bishop Abel Muzorewa. He was committed to the holding of elections before inde-

pendence. The president was less critical on the alleged breaking of oil sanctions by British and international oil companies than

had been expected. He had accepted Dr Owen's explanation that a judicial inquiry had been set up, although he felt that it should have been done earlier. At a press conference on his

arrival here, the Foreign Secre-tary told Rhodesians that he regarded the main issue in the present negoriations to be "a decision to accept the broad structure of having majority rule in this country as a result of democratic elections and a peaceful transition in 1978".

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inflation was almost certainly The Government will have to try to persuade union leaders, Economics Correspondent a statistical freak. The statistics confirm the

A comparison of this year's figures with last year show the extreme difficulty of the Gov-ernment's task in selling a new round of pay restraint. During the first half of 1976, the underlying inflation rate was around 131 per cent with a tendency to fall and wage increases were

earnings of 11.8 per cent. This gap explains most of the antipathy which is felt towards another round of pay policy.

US-Vietnam North-east England

President Carter is going to

visit the north-east of England

when he comes to Britain for the economic summit next month. Mr Callaghan, the Prime Minister, decided after

his trip to America last month

that the President would enjoy meeting some "real people".

"I am sure he will enjoy the typical hospitality for which the north-east is world famous", Mr Callaghan said yesterday. The

plan is for him to spend four hours on May 6 travelling round

with Mr Callaghan, before the start of the summit meeting in

They will visit Newcastle upon

Tyne, and then go to Washing-

ton New Town, which apart from being an example of the

post-war success of new towns, is also based on the village

from which Washington DC de-

rives its name.

By David Leigh

Political Staff

tour for Mr Carter

and even more importantly, union members, that the inflation rate is so high because of the collapse in the value of the pound last year, that if a new round of pay policy can be agreed there will be no repetition of that collapse shirters. tion of that collapse this year but that a new wage explosion would do double damage to any hopes of bringing price rises

tionary impetus.

Although it is reconciled to a further bad period during the spring, the Government still believe that by the end of the year inflation could be coming down quite sharply and will be 13 per cent in the 12 months to

single figures.

It is also possible that the trip will take in the huge ICI chemical works at Billingham.

When Mr Carter had talks

with Mr Callaghan in Washington last month, the President

was also keen to visit Wales as

he is a great admirer of the poet Dylan Thomas. It is uncertain whether that

can be fitted into the schedule

at the moment; Newcastle, how-ever, has the advantage of a

convenient airport for a flying visit by the President and his

The north-east of England is

still, of course, one of the great Labour strongholds.

Mr Callaghan said yesterday the President and be would

travel through parts of the Tyne and Wear area. They looked forward to meeting people, and visting some points

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entourage.

Steelworks to harden

Cardiff The 520 electricians whose unofficial strike has closed the Port Talbor steelworks, in South Wales, voted overwhelmingly yesterday to stay out. Clearly, their determination to win recognition and rewards for skills is hardening. They are now looking for support from fellow electricians, and if they

succeed, other steelworks could be threatened with closure. The electricians action, which comes after two years of arguing over their status, has made 6,700 steel workers at Port Talbot idle, with the loss of 45,000 tons of steel a week. To keep the tipplate works at Trostre and at Velindre, in South Wales, in operation, the British Steel Corporation has bad to bring in steel from other plants and has had to import

plants and has had to import 70,000 tons from the Continent. The strikers' union, the Electrical, Electronic. Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, has condemned their action. Like the management, it thinks that settlement with a particular group of men would upset pay structures at Port Talbot and lead to disruption throughout the steel industry. In any case, the management's view is that settlement of the electricians claim would breach

the pay code. At a mass meeting in Port Talbot yesterday only a handful of the 450 men present voted against continuing the strike. Mr. Wyn Bevan, the strike leader, said afterwards that there would be a meeting with the electricians at the Llanwern steelworks in South Wales next week to seek their support.

Arbitration attempt to end Heathrow strike By Christopher Thomas

Conciliation and Arbitration Service (Acas) yesterday for talks with leaders of the engineering workers' union on the unofficial dispute that had disrupted the airline for 13

days. Earlier in the day the strikers liad defied their union again and rejected a peace plan that was put to them. After two hours Mr James

Mortimer, Acas chairman, left the meeting with Mr Hugh Scanlon, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engi-neering Workers (AUEW), and Mr Reg Birch, AUEW national

officer. No developments were Labour Reporter
Senior management of British
Airways, including Sir Frank
MacFadzean, the chairman,
were called in by the Advisory, management were dumbfounded when the men threw it out overwhelmingly at a mass meeting in a cinema at Southall. On

Thursday they did the same with another peace formula. Shop stewards leading the dispute have called a mass meeting for Monday in Southall and there will be meetings over the weekend to try to resolve two points that are preventing

agreement. Mr Birch was booed when he started to urge the men at yesterday's mass meeting to go back to work. "I do not know what the gulf is", he said later. Mr Keith Harris, one of the

said they objected to the pro-posal in the plan to negotiate an agreement on shift pay iman agreement through a wages provements through a wages subcommittee. "When talks take place they will be on a tripartite basis", he said. "There will be the manage-ment, us and the subcommittee, not just the subcommittee and the management."

The second difficulty was that British Airways wanted shift patterns as well as shift premiums to be negotiated. The stewards wanted only premiums to be discussed for now. The 250 AUEW stewards at duty.

"The shop stewards decided British Airways will meet on last night to accept the peace plan and this morning have changed their minds."

Monday to consider the weekend's moves before reporting to the mass meeting. "It would the mass meeting. "It would be wrong to say I am confident that a return to normal working will be recommended on Monday," Mr Harris said.

The airline maintained three fifths of its European flights from Heathrow yesterday because of help from members of other unions, but there were no domestic flights. Inter-continental services were not badly affected and a similar pattern is expected today. TGWU meeting: The Transport and General Workers' Union is to hold a mass meeting of its 35,000 Heathrow members on Monday to discuss the strike. A small staff will be left on

Youths in Rome rape gang given prison sentences

From Patricia Clough Rome, April 15

Seven youths were sentenced to jail terms ranging from twoand a half to four years at the end of Italy's most intensely debated rape trial.

They were convicted of raping Signorina Claudia Caputi, then 17, whose case has been used by Italian feminists to compel the judiciary to treat rape as a serious crime.

They were successful in two rays. The court refused to allow the customary bumiliating inquiries into the victim's own past sex life and morals, a practice which discourages many Italian women from reporting

And the four years' sentence passed on the ringleader, and three years' given to two other yourks were harsh by Italian standards. The four other youths received conditional sentences which means that they will not go to prison un-less convicted of rape again. The seven were among 16 to 18 youths who, Signorina Caputi says, took part in the gang-rape in a field outside

Rome last August. The seven were ordered to pay Signorina Caputi pro-visional damages of 3m lire (£2,000), a sum to be adjusted later by a civil court. Signorina Caputi is in hos-

pital with wounds she said were inflicted last month when she was kidnapped by three of her original attackers, raped again and slashed all over her body as a warning not to press fur-ther charges.

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Minister in Geneva and to attend the Nato foreign Voluntary pact the United Stares wants normal diplomatic relations with all countries with which it has no formal ties, including Vietnam. to combat

inflation in US Centrepiece of President Carter's de-tailed anti-inflation programme, amnounced yesterday, is the establish-ment of a framework of consultation between government, business and wade unions; on a voluntary basis, to combat inflation. Wage and price controls in any mandatory form have Madrid, April 15.—A general election will take place in Spain June 15, the Government to combat inflation. Wage and price controls in any mandatory form have been ruled out. Agreement on this principle has been obtained between Mr George Meany, president of the AFLCIO trade union organization and AFLCIO trade union organization and Canacal decided today.

It will be the first democratic general election in the country for more than 40 years. Voters will be choosing members for a new Parliament of two houses Mr Reginald Jones, chairman of General Electric and head of the United States Business Council. Page 15 to replace the largely appointed Cortes.—Agence France-Presse

Soldier found killed

The body of an off-duty soldier was found in Londonderry's cemetery last night. A telephone call to the Samari-Cardinal Conway The health of Cardinal Conway, aged 64, Primate of All Ireland, who has been convalescing after a gall bladder operation, was last night stated tans said he had been shot by the Provisional IRA. Hunger strike, page 2

中华美国全国安徽总统 经公司 **Ex-minister's Arts**

Council clash Mr Hugh Jenkins, formerly minister responsible for the arts, spoke of his clash with the Arts Council, which he described as "oligarchic", before he was replaced last year. He said Lord Gibson, the council chairman, had been deeply hostile to his proposals Page 2

Riots in Pakistan

Four people were killed in Lahore, one was killed in Karachi and many more were injured as the Pakistan Opposition turned down a compromise offer from Mr Bhutto, the Prime Minister, on new elections Page 4

Helicopter strike A strike of helicopter pilots disrupted flights from Aberdeen airport to North Sea oilfields: Page 2

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School 'contract'

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Thatcher praise

Mrs Thatcher, the Conservative leader, toured Tokyo's Nissan car factory and voiced her pleasure on seeing everyone working. "No one was standing around doing nothing", she remarked. Page 4 Police protest : Polls show that in more than 20 forces a majority of police officers want the right to strike 3 Rhodesia charges: An anti-communist

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HOME NEWS.

Strike cuts heliconter

Helicopter flights from Aberdeen airport to a number of oilfields in the North Sea were seriously disrupted yesterday by a strike of pilots at Bristow Helicopters Ltd.

The company usually operates more than 25 flights a day carrying men and equipment to the Forties, Montrose, Beryl and Argyll fields. After the dismissal of one of the pilots by the company, which is a nonunion enterprise, only about half the flights took off as 67 of the 110 Bristow pilots at Aber-

deen refused to work.

The company declined to

The pilot at the centre of the dispute is Captain Peter Royston, aged 32, a former Royal Navy officer. He said that the reason given by the company for dismissing him was that he had refused postings within the company to Nigeria and Malaysia. He had still five months of his contract at Aberdeen to

He said that he had joined the British Air Line Pilots' Association (BALPA), but denied being an active member of the union.

Other Bristow pilots supporting the strike yesterday spoke of the "strange circumstances" of Captain Royston's dismissal. One man pointed out that there was a shortage of pilots at

The stoppage is the first in the company's history.
An official of BALPA said in Aberdeen yesterday that the strike was not over union recognition. The association wanted to see a sensible settle-ment as quickly as possible.

Woman Liberals back party pact

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, received full support for the party's pact with the Government at the conference of the Women's Liberal Federation in Lancaster yesterday.

Mrs Meg Budd, the federation's president, said the conference should salute Mr Mrs Meg Budd, the federation's president, said the conference should salute Mr Steel's courage and do nothing to make his task more difficult.

By Our Political Staff

Conservatives pitched their

attacks on the Government to the electors of Grimsby and

Ashfield yesterday on three

aspects of policy: the rise in prices, with figures just released showing a 16.7 per cent annual rate; the attempts

to get another round of the pay

policy against a background of

growing restlessness; and the

Grimsby and said formal agree-

ment on pay restraint seemed decreasingly likely, but the

truth had not been put across to the state sector where

Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, the

pact with the Liberals.

strikes were spreading.

Tories attack Labour on

prices, pay and the pact

Dismissed minister talks of clash of views with body's chairman

Mr Hugh Jenkins criticizes 'oligarchic' Arts Council warning beclevalists'

of Mr Hugh Jenkins, who was responsible for the arts, spoke vesterday of his clash with the yesteroay of his classi what he Arts Council before his dismissal. He said that the oligarchic nature of the council, with neither artists nor arts consumers represented as of right, had become a serious defect in the system of arts administration, Mr Jenkins, Labour MP for

Wandsworth, Putney, and a former member of the council, was speaking in London at a two-day conference on art and politics. He said: "As minister for the arts I began the process of bringing the Arts Council down from Olympus, where it had climbed partly by choice and partly inevitably because of its own rootlessness.

"The belief of the Arts

Council is that the reputation it generally enjoys of reaching its conclusions, right or wrong, without pressure, let alone bribery or corruption, is dependent on the maintenance of the present practice of appointment by the Government."

The council said with quiet

self-approval that it was not answerable to anyone but itself. A minister can alter the nature of the council by his appointments, but as only three



tal disagreement"

or four changes are made each year it takes a great deal of

Mr Jenkins said he made the council more representative by inviting suggestions for appointment from a wide range of bodies. The council now had among its members some people who were not committed to the elitist proposition that quality can be maintained only by the rejection of democracy.



Lord Gibson: "A fundamen Mr Jenkins: "Deeply hostile to plans "...

The present chairman, Lord Gibson, had been deeply hostile to Mr Jenkins's plans, rejecting a proposal that the council's specialist panels should be allowed to elect their chairmen, who would automatically be placed on the governing body.

"I was unable to enforce this element of democracy because the royal charter did not pro-vide for it, and if I could not get the consent of the chairman

"This I would have faced; indeed, it would probably have been necessary in order to bring about the changes I had in mind. But I could secure little

interest or support from my

colleagues in Government." Mr Jenkins denied that there was personal hostility between Lord Gibson and himself. "When Lord Gibson leaves the council next month I shall take the view that he did a good job within his own concept of what it entailed.

"I shall hope, however, that the new chairman, Kenneth Robinson, while understanding the absolute necessity of retaining the independent standing of the Arts Council, will not believe that this can be done any longer by trying to preserve it in aspic.

The council's bureaucracy should be brought under more effective democratic control. "It should not be possible for one of the full-time officials to write to The Times inviting opinions contrary to the declared policy of the council. "I see the Arts Council of

the future, consisting of the chairmen elected by the specialist panels, the elected

Welsh Arts Councils, the repreassociations, and the representa tives of local authority and artists' organizational interests, balanced by an element appointed by the minister as at

present. "In this way I would hope to retain the many virtues of the present system while removing some of the suspicions which understandably cloud relationships with a wholly appointed body", Mr Jenkins

Lord Gibson said last night that he had had mothing to do
with the events leading to Mr
Jenkus's dismissal, but it was
true that he had a "fundamental disagreement" with the
former minister about how the Arts Council should appointed.

"Mr Jenkins confuses syndicalism and democracy", Lord Gibson added. "He is advocating syndicalism."

The idea Mr Jenkins had advocated of a soci of pyramid of committees electing members of the Arts Council did not appeal to him and was quite unrepresentative of Labour Party thinking. "It would lead to total disaster", Lord Gibson said.

New protest action

"Loyalist" politicians and paramilitary groups vesterday issued a warning of impending protest action in support of a tougher security policy in the, province and to aid members of a loyalist security group facing prosecution.

United Unionist Action Council, which includes the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), the UDA the Ulster Workers Council (UWC) and other groups. said they were not at present contemplating any action like the UWC strike of 1974. The protest methods, they said, would be lawful, but they refused to give any details. UWC strike which

brought down the power-sharing executive in 1974 started in an equally low key and aroused The loyalist politicians may well have a weather eye on local elections in Ulster next month and they intend to make security policy a main issue at the hustings even though it remains in the hands of Stor-mont Castle. Indeed, the DUP

At a press conference in Belfast representatives of the

told the press conference:
"The methods (of protest) will
be lawful as far as we are concerned... When the Government ceases to give me protection I have a right to protect myself. This is what the USC did. The Government is trying to stop the Protestant people defending themselves."
He said the Provisional IRA had manned road blocks and had been armed when they did but no action had been so, but no action taken against them.

Mr Paisley said the council's actions were not only for the USC but "the beginning of a whole series of actions we are going to take. The loyalist people are being slaughtered and the RUC and Army mown

Corps (USC) are due to supear

in court at Portadown, co

Armagh, next week charged with obstructing the highway at

a road block.
The Rev Ian Paisley, MP

He argued that the Army had failed to exterminate the Pro-visional IRA because they visional IRA because they lacked the determination. Both Mr Paisley and the statement put out by the council underline their helief that the terannual conference yesterday debated a resolution calling for the military training and arm-ing of a vigilante group. rorists should be stopped be-fore they strike, but no course of action was mentioned.

Mr Heath wants tax powers for Scotland

Political Staff Mr Heath, the former Prime Minister, whose espousal of Scottish devolution has caused some embarrassment among his fellow Tories, told a Scottish audience last night that the Westminster Parliament had failed them. "We cannot afford to get it wrong again", he

Speaking in Glasgow, he said: "If we do, we shall not only fall the genuine aspirations of the people of Scotland, but we shall also hasten the break-up of the United King-

the only alternative to higher

Mrs Sally Oppenheim, Oppo-

sition spokesman on prices, said:

"Once again, the year on year rate of inflation has taken off.

Even if Mr Healey's optimistic

forecast of single figure inflation next year is correct",

she said in a statement, "prices will have risen by 100 per cent

announcement of the 1 per cent

cut in mortgage interest rates, Mr Hugh Rossi, a Conservative

But there had been a real

housing spokesman, said

The Government "should be chance that, left to themselves,

has demonstrated its inability to produce and pass a sensible form of devolution."

The Government would have to start all over again with a new Bill, he said, separating Scotland and Wales "The interests of one must not be obstructed because of resistonsericted because of resisting ance and opposition to the other." The proposal was probably fainly widely supported at Westminster, other than by at Westminster, the Government.

Mr Heath also called for revenue raising powers for the Scottish assembly, which should be able to levy additional taxes on top of its proposed block grant. That is far from the line of the present Tory leadership, although the Government is exploring that possibility.

Porton Down study will precede cutback

A study of the scientific capability of the germ warfare centre at Porton Down, Wilt-shire, is to be carried out as a preliminary to reducing the establishments size and transferring staff to civil research work. The Ministry of Defence announced yesterday that consul-tations would be held with staff over redundancies and transfers since this Government came to

during the study.

It was announced last November that future military require-The building societies had been "pressured" by the Chancellor into an early ber that future military requirements for services supplied by Everton match in February (the Porton could be met by a reduced programme of research. Since then the Government has reviewed civil programmes at Porton and has decided that in principle it is most anxious to keep it open as a civil establishment, but at a reduced level

Motor cycle inquiry

bought by Sussex police last year have been withdrawn from service pending investigation of two accidents.

'iceberg' By Our Political Staff

Juvenile

crime

escape.

School and football violence was only the tip of a "sinister iceberg of juvenile crime" which posed a growing threat, Mr William Whitelaw, the Conservative deputy leader, said yesterday at Penrith, Cumbria. He called for sterner mea-sures to rebuild "the wall that protects society from young thugs". Juvenile courts should

have the power restored to impose real punishments, he said. Parents should be made responsible for paying their children's fines, and magistrates should be able to send hardened offenders to homes with strong discipline from which they could not

"The surest way of keeping children out of adult prisons is the creation of a clear, firm, fair and flexible system for dealing with young offen-ders which mixes help and punishment in the proportion that seems appropriate for each

offender.

"At the moment we have got thinly disguised chaos and simply not enough deterrence and punishment for that ex-panding gang of youths who have come to believe that crime is an easy option in a difficult world."

Supporter jailed: Despite a plea from his mother, a young foot-ball supporter was jailed for 28 days by Sir Lincoln Hallinan, the Cardiff stipendiary magistrate, yesterday, as a result of Press Association reports). Paul Cubitt, aged 20, an

apprentice electrician, of Gorse Place, Fairwater, Cardiff, had convicted at a previous hearing of possessing a steel comb as an offensive weapon and was remanded in custody

Euripides, the father of comedy

From Philip Howard

Liverpool Euripides does not pop like a jack in the box to mind as the founding father of modern comedy, ancestor of Shake-spearian comedy, Molière, the Marx Brothers, and all the other johy boys who have kept us rolling around in the aisles for the subsequent 24 centuries.

But then, nor does Erich
Segal, author of the romantic
tear-jerker and best-seller Love Story, spring to mind as a learned and original scholar of classics, comparative literature, athletics, and other more or less associated topics.

The two sprang together happily at the Classical Association meeting yesterday. Professor Segal, of Dartmouth College, in the United States, argued that in 412 BC Euripides started producing a new style of tragedy that was to be seminal in its influence on comedy ever afterwards.

Trains due back at King's Cross this morning

Most trains into and out of King's Cross station, London, were cancelled yesterday because of a 24-hour unofficial strike by 150 guards. Normal services were due to restart at 8.0 am today. Only four main-line trains left

the station yesterday morning, and seven out of 10 local services were cancelled. About half the trains on the Welwyn Gar-den City-Moorgate service ran

Passengers arriving at Peter-borough from the North were told to travel to London by way of Cambridge or Leicester. The strike arose from the disciplining of two guards who refused to take out a train with an unheated guard's van in January.

new at that date. The fleet had Greek New Comedy under just been destroyed, the city was bankrupt and starving. The new philosophy was causing intellectual ferment.

Euripides's tragedies of that period, like the lon, introduced new themes and new formulas such as intrigue, cuckoldry, romance, happy endings, wish fulfilment, and sex, which is, after all, only a laughing

or their treatment was, but they provided a troubled city with the life raft of hope that all was well that ended well in some never-never land such as the seacoast of Bohemia. Euripides continued to comply with the new taste of the town for escapism, because he who lived to please must please to live-Professor Segal gave a per-suasive tour de force as

Those were new to tragedy.

protagonist, deuteragonist and bit player in the tragedies that became the foundation of cessors less comedy. He suggested that of comedy.

Menander made two main modifications to Euripides's formula before slipping a banana skin under the feet of subsequent generations. In Euripides the blocking

character and butt who obstructs the happy ending is a barbarian opposed to Greeks. In New Comedy he became a non-citizen opposed to Athenians. And in Euripides a recognition of some sort occurs first in the play, followed by tricks and frustrations.

In New Comedy the tricks and frustration come first, to be followed by the recognition scene leading to the te denoue-ment of a happy ending. From 412 onwards Euripides was writing proto-comedies, even though they were classified as tragedies.

From his experiments with comic themes and tricks his successors learnt the friendly art

Recruitment of missionary workers falls by a third

By Our Religious Affairs

A drop of more than a third over the past 10 years in the number of Anglican missionaries sent overseas by the Church Missionary Society (CMS) was described by the society's chairman yesterday as "a crisis".

Canon Simon Barrington-Ward told the annual executive council meeting in Birmingham under 400 last year.

Almost all CMS missionaries medicine or teaching. In recent years engineers, social scientists, and other trained people have also been recruited.

Barrington - Ward Capon asked the society to put a greater share of its resources into recruitment. The society is one of the two

main Anglican missionary organizations, the other being the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. The USPG in its annual report, published yesterday, also draws attention to the shortage of new that recruitment had fallen missionaries, with recruitment from 650 10 years ago to just down from 594 to 340 in the

past six years.

More than half of the USPG's are lay men and women, usually new missionaries are clergy-with specialist skills such as men, and the report says that part of the fall in recruitment is caused by the tendency of overseas churches to prefer

IRA hunger strike ended by two

From a Staff Reporter

Two of the 20 Provisional IRA men who had been on hunger strike for 40 days over conditions at Portlaoise prison began taking food yesterday, the Irish Government said. The prisoners' decision came as Dublin prepared itself for weekend demonstrations in demonstrations in support of the hunger strikers.

All IRA men were moved from Portlaoise prison to a hospital at the Curragh military camp last week. They complain of ill treatment, degrading searches, refusal of free associanion, long spells of solitary confinement and denial of educational facilities.

David O'Connell, vice-president of the Provisional Sinn
Fein, is among the 20 hunger

Yesterday's decision by the two men will please the Irish Government and probably strengthen its determination not to compromise with its

Men named: In Dublin the two men were named unofficially as Daniel O'Sullivan, aged 23, of Ardfert, co Kerry, and Robert McNamara, aged 29, of Limerick (the Press Association

Mitford memories

parents.

Almost 20 years ago Jessica Mirford wrote Hons and Rebels. an autobiographical account of her childhood. Now she con-tinues her life story in A Finc Old Conflict, which centres on her American communist acti-The Sunday Times tomorrow begins serialization of the book with recollections about the Mitford children and their

The Government "should be telling the nation that a further decline in average living standards is now inevitable. There is no room for pay increases that will come near to matching the current rate of price inflation. "Pay restraint voluntarily pursued in the interests of working people themselves is working people themselves, is mic management. Up to £15 off your holiday if you're quick.

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Fifty German motor cycles Benefits of village life 'not fully understood' in Staffordshire at Madeley

By a Staff Reporter By a Staff Reporter
A radical examination should be made of the English village and a study made of the "hidden benefits" of village life, Mr Christopher Hall, director of the Council for the Protection of Rural England, said last night.

In that way, he said, local authorities could be more flexible towards village noticies". Villages, he thought

flexible towards village planning and help to stop the decline of villages as com-

munities.

Mr Hall, speaking at a conference on the future of villages

delinquen children.

Botterill joint leader in Walbrook chess From Harry Golombek

Chess Correspondent Birmingham
The former British champion.

Botterill, is playing in fine style in the Walbrook international chess tournament in Birmingham. In the tenth round yesterday he easily repulsed an attack by Lam-bert in which his opponent vainly sacrificed a piece in an attempt to break through the defence. That win gave Botterill six points and a good chance of gainpoints and a good chance of gain-ing the International master norm of seven and a half. He needs to gain one and a half points from his last two games, one being that with Corden which was postponed

on Thursday. Botterill is in the joint lead with Damjanovic and Rukavina, Dam-janovic adjourned his game against Kagan yesterday in a position in which he had the better chances. which he had the better chances. Rukavina was content with a very early draw against the former Romanian master, Soos. Corden and Basman had a cut and thrust struggle in which Corden gained the upper hand. But he lost the game by exceeding the time limit just when he seemed to be

Gasic and Luginbuhl had a hard, even struggle which was drawn after 32 moves. The scores are:
Botterill, Damianovic and Rukavina 6
and 1 postponed: Gasic 5°6: Basman.
Luginbuhi and Soos 5'8: Kagah 4'1, and
adjourned: Poych 4'1, and 1 postponed: Callerty 3'4; Corten 3 and 1
postcoaged: Lumbert 3.

postponed: Lambert 3. 2, and 1 postsostponed: Lambert 3.

Results in round 10:
Gaste 1, Loginbult 1, OP Queen's
Indian det, 3C moves: Rukawina 1,
Soos 2, QCD Slar det, 12: Powah 2,
Cafferty 2, Archine's det, 15: Corden
Lambert 0, Botteril 1, QP them det,
Sicilian det, 40,
Sicilian det, 40,
Adjourned pawer games, results,

were often left out of account by local authorities in drawing up their "key settlement policies". Villages, he thought, cost less to police, were healthier than towns to live in, and contained fewer broken homes and fewer distribed and

Mummified man died of poison, coroner is told

A man whose mummified body was found bound hand and foot in the rubbish room at a block of flats died from barbiturate poisoning, the coroner at Rochdale, Lancashire, was told yesterday.

Geoffrey Garrett, pathologist, said the man had been dead at least six months and could have been dead for 18 months. Det Chief Inspector Tom

Fletcher said the body of Mr

James Finlay, aged 32, of Ash-

field Valley, Rochdale, was identified by fingerprints. Adjourning the inquest, the coroner, Mr Leonard Gorodkin, said the circumstances were like something out of an Agatha Christie novel. The police case file has been sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

£10,000 fines on Spanish skippers

Two Spanish skippers, Alvaro Otero and Eduardo Lorenzo, were each fined £10,000 at Lerwick sheriff court yesterday for fishing within the new 200 mile limit. Their joint net, worth £7,800, and catch of 100 tons of fish were confiscated. Their boats were ordered to

be detained and sold if the fines were not paid within

Weather forecast and recordings

Tomorrow

8.9m (29.2ft).

Sun rises: Sun sets: 6.1 am 8.0 pm

Moon rises : Moon sets : 5.36 am 7.12 pm

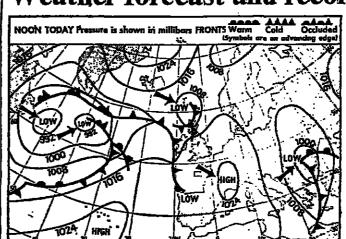
7.0m (22.9ft); 2.30 pm,

Lighting up : \$.30 pm to 5.29 am.

High water: London Bridge.

7.3m (24.0ft). Avonmouth, 7.38 am. 13.0 (42.5ft): 7.56 pm, 12.8m

(42.1ft). Dover, 11.33 am, 6.2m (20.4ft); 11.49 pm, 6.4m (21.1ft). Hull, 6.32 am, 6.9m (22.7ft); 6.39 pm, 7.0m (22.9ft). Liverpool, 11.39 am, 9.0m (29.6ft); 11.59 pm,



Today

Sun sets: 7.59 pm Moon rises : Moon sets : 5.12 am 6.7 pm New moon: April 18.

Hew moon: April 16.

Lighting up: 8.29 pm to 5.31 am.

High water: London Bridge,
1.15 am, 6.7m (21.9ft); 1.46 pm,
7.1m (23.3ft). Avonmouth, 7.0 am,
12.7m (41.8ft); 7.20 pm, 12.7m
(41.8ft). Dover, 10.55 am, 6.1m
(20.0ft); 11.12 pm, 6.3m (20.5ft).

Hull, 5.52 am, 5.7m (22.1ft);
6.1 pm 6.8m (22.4ft). Liverpool,
11.1 am, 8.8m (29.0ft); 11.25 pm,
8.8m (28.8ft). 8.8m (28.8ft).

Pressure will be high to the SE of England and low to the N of Scotland, with troughs of low pressure crossing N Britain. Porecasts for 6 am to midnight:

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, central S England,
East Anglia, E Midlands: Sunny
intervals, mainly dry; wind SW,
light; max temp 14° or 15°C
(57° to 55°F).

W, Midlands, E, central N
England: Sunny intervals at first,
becoming rather cloudy; wind SW,
light; max temp 12° or 13°C
(54° or 55°F).

Channel Islands, SW England,
Wales: Sunny intervals, becoming
rather cloudy with a little rain;
wind S, light or moderate; max
temp 13° or 14°C (55° to 57°).

NW, NE England, Lake District:
Becoming cloudy with some rain;
wind SW, moderate; max temp
11°C (52°F).

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud, f, fair;

Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW, NE, NW Scotland, Glasgow, central High-lands, Moray Firth, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland: Cloudy, rain at times; wind SW, moderate; max temp 9° or 10°C (49° to 50°F). Outlook for tomorrow and Mon-day: Rather cloudy with some rain in places, chiefly in the N. Sea passages: S North Sea: Wind NW, backing SW, light or

moderate; sea moderate, becoming slight. Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind variable, light; sea slight. St George's Channel: Wind S, Light, increasing to moderate; sea

Irish Sea : Wind S or SW, Hight or moderate; sea slight.

Meteorological

30-day forecast

The

The Meteorological Office yesterday issued the following forecast for the next 30 days: A spell of rather unsettled weather, especially in N districts, is expected to start quite early. Over the month as a whole a good deal of dry, anticyclonic weather is likely, giving pleasant days but some cool nights. Short, wer cyclonic spells are also expected. Mean temp will probably the below average over most of England and Waies but near average over Scotland, N Ireland, N Wales and NW England. Total rainfall and hours of bright sunshine are expected to be near average generally but the rainfall may be concentrated in rather fewer days than usual. Frost may occur rather more often than usual in parts of

more often than usual in parts of central, S and E England. Yesterday

London: Temp: max 7 am to 7 pm, 11°C (S2°F): min 7 pm to 7 am. 4°C (39°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 43 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 7 pm, a trace. Sun, 24 hr to 7 pm, 5.1 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,023.7 millibars, rising. 1.000 millibars=29.53in.





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HOME NEWS

Mrs Williams calls for more formal parent-school links

way of involving parents, particularly the less articulate and poor, in the education of their children was outlined by Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, yesterday.

Addressing the annual con-

and Science, yesterday.

Addressing the annual conference of the National Association of Social Workers in Education (formerly the education welfare officers national association) in Sheffield, she suggested that the mutual responsibilities of parents and schools should be set out in

schools should be set out in a signed document that should be morally, though not legally, binding on both parties. The schools should promise to teach the child to the best of the teachers' capacity, to look after him at school, to provide information about the schools staff and curriculum, and to report on the progress of the child to his parents.

For their part, the parents

For their part, the parents could be asked to undertake to send the child to school reasonably dressed and clean and, if possible, having had breakfast; to ensure he had a fair night's sleep for his age; and to accept that any complaint about his education should, in the first instance, be taken up with the

Mrs Williams said that she recognized that some parents would sign such a document and then take no further notice, and others would not sign. "But I believe it will help parents to see what their role is if we express it in rather a more formal way than we have at present."

cult to understand what was cularly at a time of such rapid educational change. They were confused by endless floods of conflicting advice. A few became actively hostile to school especially as their chil-dren grew older.

positive correlations between truency and lack of parental interest, and between truency and overcrowding in the home. Many schools were making great efforts to involve and interest parents through such traditional ways to invision

to be found to break through the barriers of timidity, mis-trust, antipathy, and even antagonism behind which some parents sheltered. Some schools were sending

school reports home to parents wit: a space at the end for parents to fill in and send back with their comments. That was a good idea.
But it was also important

that school reports, letters from the school, and other official communications should be written in a language to which the parents would respond. Some parents would not be receptive to any written

school and would make the less articulate parents feel welcome and useful; and by using school buildings out of school hours for dances, sports days, old people's clubs, or even for pre-natal exercises.

Union of Journalists from Lon-don, Sheffield, Wolverhampton

Mr Ron Knowles, and two other

members of the union executive

union in protest at the failure to agree terms for a return to

work. The strike began in December over a claim for improved fringe benefits.

A peace formula was drawn up by the TUC's printing in-dustries committee and was

the 60 NUJ members are refus-

ing to return to work until nine colleagues, who resigned from

the union during the stoppage to join the rival Institute of

Journalists, rejoin the union.

Sub-normal girl

to Holloway jail

day. The difficulty then

administrative and the judge

put the blame for not finding the girl a suitable mental hospi-

tal "fairly and squarely on the Department of Health and Social Security".

Because Judge Alexander Karmel faced a similar diffi-culty yesterday, Suzanne Corn-well, aged 18, was back in

Holloway prison last night, where she has been since her

Mass Cornwell, of Sandown,

Isle of Wight, pleaded guilty to arson at the Canden Coun-cil Reception Centre for

to arson at the Camera Country
Cil Reception Centre for
Women in London, causing
£8,000 worth of damage and
endangering 28 lives.

She also admitted stealing

and forging an allowance

book, and fraudulently obtain-ing £5.25 with it. She was remanded until next Friday.

Mr Lionel Lassman, her coursel, said she came to London for adventure. Doctors were agreed that she had a

mental age of eight and was in need of help.

There was no bed available in the Wessex catchment area.

There were beds in other areas, but hospitals were not allowed

to take patients from another

administrative area.

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has to return

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were present

Police warn journalists after attempt to stop van

Police warned journalists and warned the journalists that manning a picket line in Ketter- they could be arrested for ing yesterday that they were risking arrest after an attempt their action. The 30 v paper delivery van leaving the main gates of the Northampton-cluded memb shire Evening Telegraph build-

The trouble occurred after more than thirty journalists from elsewhere had joined some of the 60 who are on strike at the Evening Telegraph, the News Echo, Welkingborough and the Harborough Mail in a rally outside the Kettering offices.

As the delivery van, loaded with copies of the Evening Telegraph, was driven away from the offices towards the picket line, 20 journalists tried to halt it. Others banged on the side of the vehicle and opened bundles of napers. The van contioued to move forward and reached the road although wood and newspaper bundles were placed under the wheels. Police arrived soon afterwards

Six charges are dropped in corruption trial

When the prosecution con-cluded its case in the Swansea corruption trial yesterday, Mr Justice Kenneth Jones directed the jury to return verdicts of not guilty on each of three counts against a former leader of Swansea City Council, Gerald Murphy, and Emrys Harris, the council's suspended discounted. director of housing.

The two other defendants in

case, which opened on March 1, are Douglas John Barber, of Ice House Wood, Oned, Surrey, marketing director of a company of boilermakers, and Raymond John Bryant, of West Drive, Porth-cawl, chairman of Everwarm Homes Ltd, of Bridgend, Mid

directors still faces 10 corruption charges. Mr Harris now faces eight instead of 11 cor-ruption charges, and Mr Murphy six instead of nine. Mr Harris and Mr Murphy also face one charge each of dishonestly obtaining £19.40 each by deception from Swansea council. All defendants have denied all charges.

Move to music hall for Half **Moon Theatre**

By Ned Chaillet

7.1.1.

Wilton's Music Hall, in Tower Hamlets, London, unused ex-cept for occasional filming for many years, will once again be serving the East End community within two years. The Half Moon Theatre, in Alie Street, near by, has received permission from the Greater London Council to begin restoring the theatre to its glories of 1859, the year it was built by John Wilton.

In addition to the music hall complete with auditorium bar, the theatre will have a restaurant and a public house featuring live entertainment.

Several grants have put the theatre more than helf way to wards its £500,000 goal.

The move to Wilton's will mean an enlargement of the Half Moon programme to help develop more local talent. Productions now range from plays written specifically for the community and what they call updated" Brecht, to frequent touring productions, musical events and youth drama workMany meant well but simply did not know what the schools expected of them or what the children needed. It was at that large group, who probably did not belong to any parenteacher association, that the proposal was chiefly aimed. She hoped that the proposal, if acted on, would reduce the number of "problem parents". The importance of the support of the home to a child's schooling was well known. Recent studies had shown high positive correlations between

traditional ways as inviting them to open days, parents' evenings, plays and concerts, she said. But other ways needed

written well help parents to ee what their role is if we express it in rather a more formal vav than we have at present."

Many parents found it diffiure parents ound on in the schools, parting on in the schools, parting to the community in many ways, she added: by trying to ways, she added: by trying to understand what was gardening or building, which would be of benefit to the check and would be of benefit to the

of research conducted as recently as 1973 which disclosed that only 20 per cent of constables then supported the right to strike, which is illegal for policemen under the Police Act, 1964. Mr James Jardine, chairman of the Police Federation, said yesterday: "The results of the local referenda on the right to strike show the utter frustration and disgust felt by police officers at the contemptuous way the Government has treated our pay claim.". obstruction if they continued The 30 visiting journalists

ductor of the Tiverton Youth Orchestra for

33 years, fulfilled a long-standing ambition

by hiring the Albert Hall in London, and

Police polls

favour right

Home Affairs Correspondent

marked contrast with the result

to strike

By Peter Evans

He added that the police re-ceived no pay increase under phase one of the Government's who took part in the rally in-cluded members of the National incomes policy and their claim for £6 under phase two had been rejected. "The police now need Leicester, Scunthorpe, Mansfield and Birmingham. The editor of the union's newspaper, £15-a-week increase to restore their wages to the level of the 1960 royal commission award",

The referendums, organized by local branches of the federation, are part of the policemen's mounting campaign for a new deal on pay Every force polled so far has

produced a big majority in favour of the right to strike. In a 96 per cent poll in Kent, for example, 85.5 per cent of constables and 72.5 per cent of sergeants were in favour. Results of other polls of the ranks up to chief inspector were:

Devon and Cornwall, 91 per cent

Devon and Cornwall, 91 per cent poll with 71 per cent in favour; Cambridgeshire, 92.7 per cent poll with 63.2 per cent for; Northamptonshire, 92 per cent poll, 69 per cent for; Avon and Somerset, 90.7 per cent, 70.1 per cent for; Cleveland, 80 per cent with 79 per cent for; Hertfordshire, 74.82 per cent with 68.15 per cent for. Other forces in favour are: Bedfordshire, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Essex, Gloucestershire, Greater Manchester, Lincolnshire, Merseyside, Northumbria, North Wales, Northumbria, North Wales, Northumbria, North Wales, Northumbria, Sussex, Thames Valley, West Yorkshire and City of London. A sub-normal girl set fire to a women's bostel after a judge was forced to "turn her loose on society", it was said at the Central Criminal Court yester-

'Emigrate to Rhodesia' campaigner cleared Roy Dovaston, an insurance go to Rhodesia in such a way

communist campaign, was cleared at St Albans Crown Court yesterday of 10 charges Polls taken in more than 20 of 43 police forces in England and Wales show that a large majority of officers want the right to strike. That is in

of encouraging people to emigrate to Rhodesia.

After three of the charges had been withdrawn at the end of a long legal argument, Judge Anwyl-Davies, QC, ruled that the other sovem charges which the other seven charges, which Mr Dovuston deated, were wrongly worded under the Rhodesia sanctions Act and

therefore unlawful.

The judge ruled that Mr
Dovaston could not be convicted of helping individuals to emigrate to Rhodesia, only "members of the public generally" because of the word-

open an office for his anti-communist movement. "We cannot turn our backs on Rhodesia. We cannot just forget them. I think it was a Christian verdict to be cleared on a bairline legality", he said.

"I intend to continue with my anti-communist work and help those who are willing to

the court again ". During the hearing Mr Leo Charles, for the prosecution, claimed that Mr Dovaston tried to recruit workers to go to Rhodesia breaking the Rhodesia sanctions Act, 1965, passed after Rhodesia declared itself inde-

wielding the baton with the orchestra on

his sixty-fifth birthday yesterday. Mr Davey

youngest player in the orchestra.

Mr Dovaston advertised jobs at £150 a week and hoped to fly 30 plane-loads of young men to Rhodesia. Most would have been drafted into the Army, he

claimed. The jury heard that several hundred men, most of them unemployed, answered the advertisements and received recruiting leaflets.

ing of the Act.

Mr Dovaston, it was alleged, told the police: "They go out ware, Hertfordsbire, said afterwards that he was planning to workers. They may join the Rhodesian Army when they get there but everything I am doing It was said that Mr Dovaston

was paid nothing, but acted because of his obsession with fighting world communism and his admiration for the Rho-desian Prime Minister, Mr Ian

Custody remand for evicted major and wife

Lionel Parsons, aged 61, a retired army major, and his wife, Angela, aged 53, were for defying a magistrate's order and continuing their protest outside their former home in Cranley Mews, south Kensington, London.

They had been camping in a

caravan outside the house since their eviction 18 months ago, but were banned from the area as a condition of being granted bail by Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court on Thursday. They are accused of damaging police cars. They deny the charges. Yesterday Inspector Michael Goward told the court that the

Parsons had returned to Cranley Mews after Thursday's hear-

Hospital break-out deaths were avoidable, QC says

A break-out at the Carstairs top security mental hospital in Strathclyde in which three men were killed might have been avoided if the hospital management had listened to the views of nurses, it was claimed yes-

terday.

Mr Donald Robertson, QC, said on the last day of the 18-day inquiry into the escape that the Scortish Prison Officers' Association (SPOA) had been forced into the role of "a kind of Cassandra" at the hospital. They were "doomed to have little heed paid to representations and warnings made over a long period of time".

Mr Robertson was making his closing address at the Landard and the landard results of the landard results and results and

his closing address at the Lan-ark inquiry into the escape on November 30 of Thomas McCulloch and Robert Mone. Both men are serving life sen-tences, Mr McCulloch for the murder of a nursing officer, a patient and a police constable, and Mr Mone for the murder of and Mr Mone for the murder of the constable.

his three assessors are to pre-pare a report for Mr Millan, Mr Robertson, representing Secretary of State for Scotland.

the SPOA, called for the appointment of a security offi-cer who would have status and authority at the hospital; greater consideration for security matters; and more consultations between doctors and charge nurses.

Mr Robertson's call for the

appointment of a security expert was echoed by Mr Gordon Coutts, QC, for the Royal College of Nursing. He suggested the appointment of more senior nursing officers to give proper cover, a new shift system to replace 12-hour shifts, and other measures.

Mr William Prosser, QC, for the British Medical Association, defended the administra-tive structure at the hospital and rejected allegations of "buck-passing" made on Thursday by Mr Alistair Cameron, for the Mental Welfare Com-Sheriff Robert Reid, QC, and

Tories deplore call for 'open'

an end to the distinction between amateurs and profes-sionals in Olympic sports was deplored by the Conservative

continuing friction where none

In brief

Knitting needle assailant hunted Police were searching East election.

aged woman who stabbed Big Bruno Elrington, a heavyweight wrestler, who was thrown out of the ring by his opponent. The incident, seen by an audi-

ence of 300, happened during the main tag bout at the Winter Garden. Big Bruno, who is 6ft and 16 stone and comes from Portsmouth, landed among the ringside seats and the woman thrust a knitting needle into his back before fleeing the hall Mr Elrington went to hospital for a tetanus injection.

Home radar defence

Mr Philip Cheetham, an electronics expert, of High Street, Brownhills, West Midlands, has equipped his home with radar, closed-circuit television and other devices in an attempt to resist eviction. His house is wanted by the local authority for demolition.

Girl's killer sought

Police are hunting the killer of Coral Vidler, aged 16, whose body was found in a garden near her home in Highfield Way, Hornchurch, Coral's father called the police when she failed to return from a dance and he found bloodstains on a footpath.

Mr Gunter buried

Mr Raymond Gunter, the former Labour minister, who died on Tuesday, was buried at Old Town, St Mary's, in the Isles of Scilly yesterday. His son David, Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, and Lady Wilson were among the mourners.

Pilot's death

An inquest jury at Selby, North Yorkshire, returned a North Yorkshire, returned a verdict of accidental death on Mr Martin Woodhames, aged 44, of Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, a former RAF pilot, who died when a home-built, single-engined Practiva Sprite aeroplane crashed in December.

Police appointments

Commander John Thornton became head of Scotland Yard's community relations branch yesterday. He succeeds Commander Robert Bryan, who has been appointed Deputy Assistant Commissioner for South and South-east London.

MP's charge dropped A summons against Mr John Mendelson, Labour MP for Penistone, accusing him of refusing to pay a taxi fare, was dismissed because the driver did not appear ar West London Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Jubilee Rolls-Royce

A Rolls-Royce state limousine is to be presented to the Queen by the Society of Motor Manu-facturers and Traders to mark her silver jubilee. It will cost

WEST EUROPE

Communists recognize Spanish flag but give warning against moves to put clock back

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, April 15
The Sapnish Communist
Party emerged tonight, after holding its first Central Committee meeting in Spain since the Civil War, with the sweet voice of reconciliation and as a considerably less radical party than before.

"This is the flag of all Spaniards whatever their political beliefs", he said: "The issue is not between monarchy or republic, but democracy or dictatorship."

As I was returning from the Communist conference to the scene of a demonstration for more trede union freedom at

considerably tess radical party than before.

But Señor Santiago Carrillo, the party's secertary general, gave warning that any attempt to deny the party's right to defend the interests of the working class, now that the party was legal, would be catastrophic for the country. Senor Carrillo seemed to be trying Carrillo seemed to be trying hard not to antagonize the party's opponents unnecessarily. He said if the monarchy of

He said if the monarchy of King Juan Carlos proved to be constitutional and bring real democracy to Spain then his party would not raise the question of republic or monarchy. But if "dark forces" tried to put back the clock and stop Spain's march to democracy, the party would have to act differently. act differently.

This spirit of reconciliation was symbolized by the party's recognition, for the first time, of the monarchist red and yellow national flag, which was pinned up along with the party's own flag of the hammer and sickle. Señor Carrillo said that the Central Committee voted by 169 votes in favour with 11 beauty 150 per with 11 abstentions to display the monarchist flag with their

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more cretie union freedom at which riot police fired smoke bombs and rubber bullets, police stopped me and confis-cated all the documents that were given to me at the con-ference along with all my notes. I presented my official accreditation but was menacingly told to go away by policemen with batons raised. The Spanish Cabinet met to-

day as opponents of the legalization of the Communist Party considered what protest action to take and members of illegal trade unions staged strikes. The party's legalization, which resulted in the resignation of the Navy Minister and a guarded rebuke of the Government by conservative generals, beginning to turn into a hot

debate. The neo-Françoist Popular Alliance, headed by Señor Manuel Fraga Iribarne, the the former interior Minister, has called for an emergency session of the Cortes (Parliament) over the Communist Party's legalization.

The Alliance, which seems to be trying to pull the rug from under the Suárez Government, has so far collected about 80

of the 100 signatures required before the president of the Cortes has so consider whether to call such a meeting.

Four of the Alliance's leaders all former ministers like Señor Fraga Iribarne—poured scorn on the Government's de-cision at meetings held yesterday despite the Government's ban on public meetings and demonstrations, which expires tomorrow.

Señor Fraga Iribarne claimed that the Communists wanted to "turn the churches into garages". He alluded to the massacre of several thou-sand people at Paracuellos del sand people at ranctuenos det Jarama during the Civil War. Señor Santiago Carrillo, the Communist Party secretary-general, was head of public-order during part of the time-when the killings took place. He has denied any responsibility in the incident.

Señor Cruz Martinez Esteruelas said the Alliance would always be "belligerent" towards the Communists.

Señor Carrillo told members of the party's Central Committee last night that if the Popular Alliance won the general elections they would make. General Pinochet of Chile pale with envy".

Madrid, April 15.-Mr Sergei Bogomolov, the Soviet Union's first ambassador to Spain for almost 40 years, arrived here to-night to take up his post.— Reuter.

Flemish mayors prohibit posters in French

From David Cross

Brussels, April 15 A running battle between Walloon political parties and the mayors of three Flemish boroughs who have banned French-language posters on their territory has provided the only drama in a short but only drama in a short but otherwise uneventful campaign leading up to Belgium's eleventh general election since the Second World War.

Language and regional disputes have traditionally dominated Belgian politics and when the mayors of Overijse and Vilvoorde on the outskirts of Brussels and Mol, near the Dutch border, acted in defiance of higher authorities it was

about more than a month ago by the expulsion of the small

bound to provoke clashes be-tween Dutch and Frenchlanguage supporters. Several people were slightly injured

minor incident, long and singularly boring television debates and posters of confident, smil-ing candidates, the casual observer could be forgiven for not realizing that six million Belgians will go to the polis on Sunday The election was brought

But apart from this relatively

by the expussion.

French-speaking federaus.

The Rassemblement

Line coaliparty, the Rassemblement Wallon, from the ruling coalition of Social Christians and Liberals, led by Mr Tindemans, the unassuming but likable Flemish Prime Minister. Rassemblement Wallon MPs had refused to support the Govern-ment in a key Budget vote after growing frustration about lack of progress towards greater devolution for the two main linguistic groups

of advertisements.

-Associated Press.

New negotiations began today

in the conflict at Berlingske

Tidende, Denmark's largest pub-

lishing house. Berlingske is considered theekey to solution

of the national printers' strike,

Denmark avoids strike

Copenhagen, April 15.—The strike that has silenced all but Danish Parliament today voted a few of Denmark's daily newsinto law a controversial contract papers for three weeks. Meanwith the trade unions, thus while Copenhagen's Politiken avoiding a national strike of at announced that beginning on least 250,000 workers, and an Monday it will publish wall

mediation, was accepted by the unions and opposed by the em-ployers' federation. Wage increases were limited to 6 per cent annually, including cost of living bonuses

Another attempt was being made today to end the printers'

Charges fail against Italian leader

From Patricia Clough Rome, April 15

Italy's parliamentary investigation commission has dis-missed charges against Presimissed charges against President Leone and three former ministers for alleged irregularities during negotiations for big Government military contracts. The commission ruled last night that the accusations, laid by the Radical Party, were "clearly unfounded" unfounded ". The Radicals, however, imme-

diately announced that they are pursuing the case through the courts. They have laid charges against minor figures in the hope that investigations will be extended to the four politicians. They have also arranged for libel charges to be brought against themselves in the hope of having their case examined in the civil courts.

The three former ministers are Signor Mariano Rumor, the former Prime Minister, Signor Luigu Gui and Signor Mario Tanassi, former defence Tanassi, ministers The Italian government today

approved a Bill for university reform, by which students, local authorities, trade unions and employer associations as well as professors would be represented on university governing bodies. The Bill does little to solve the main prob-lem of universities—overcrowd-

Hope of ending postal chaos in Italy From Our Correspondent

Rome, April 15 An end to Italy's postal chaos

is now in sight in the wake of an agreement between Signor Vittorino Colombo, the Minister of Post, and unions on organization.
Millions of letters, postcards

and parcels have been piling up in post office warehouses in the bigger cities since the Government brought in restrictions on overtime.

The restrictions have also disrupted the postal Giro account system. This has caused great inconvenience to many

businesses since many Italians pay bills through the post office rather than by cheque. Under the agreement the restrictions will be suspended while work is reorganized.

Police doubts on ransom call for Fiat chief

Paris, April 15.—French police today gave reporters the impression that they were still baffled by the kidnapping of the head of the French subsidi-

ary of Fiat, two days after armed men seized him Signor Lucchino Revelli-Beaumont was bundled into a car by four armed men on Wednesday night and police do not believe that the single ransom demand made was genuine. It took the form of an anonymous call to a local radio station from a group called "the committee for the defence of Italian workers in France". Police say they have never heard of such a group and they doubt its avistance. doubt its existence.

The anonymous caller demanded that a 3m franc (£350,000) ransom be handed out in food and medicines to unemployed Italian workers in

Fiat has been the target of a long list of politically moti-vated attacks both in Italy and abroad in recent years, which strengthened speculation that politics could be behind Signor Revelli-Beaumont's abduction.— Reuter.

The contract, drafted after news page and several pages Franco's brother dies in naval hospital

Madrid, April 15.—General Nicolas Franco, a brother of the late Spanish ruler, died in a naval hospital here today, aged 84. He served in the Naval Engineers Corps.—AP.



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Appeal for iron lungs as polio outbreak precaution

By John Roper Health Services Correspondent Health Services Correspondent
A National Health Service
hospital unit specializing in
caring for patients with serious
breathing difficulties is appealing for second-hand iron lungs
because of the possibility of a
ries this summer in cases of rise this summer in cases of poliomyelicis.

be some iron lungs lying in hospital basements. If they were retrieved they could belp to ease pressures on his depart-ment in the event of a con-tinued rise in poliomyelitis

Dr Geoffrey Spencer, head of the unit at the South-Western Hospital, Stockwell, London, thinks that there may 1970 and 1976 there were only about three to six cases a year. The epidemic in 1947 resulted

"Effective immunity in the only poliomyelitis victims but country has now fallen to a also others whose breathing level where an epidemic is once systems have been damaged.

again a real possibility". Dr Spencer said yesterday . There has been an increasing number of cases of polio contracted in

this country for each of the last three summers. "During last winter sporadic cases continued to occur up and down the country. In pre-vious decades sporadic cases occurring throughout the winter were always a precursor of a major summer epidemic." Since last September, 17 cases have been reported. Between

in more than 8,000 cases of The hospital unit helps not

Olympic sports The Sports Council's call for

Party yesterday.
Conservative Central Office said: "The Sports Council announcement that it encourages the abandonment of our amateur status for the Olympic Games, is deplorable. "The fact that other coun-tries reach the accepted standard is no reason to give up our principles for the Olympic ideal. Of course there are diffi-culties and injustices, but we should be fighting to overcome them and not meekly surren-dering. This afritude will work its way into other sports, with

Mrs Thatcher, the Tory leader, being entertained in Tokyo by Mr Fukuda, leader of the Liberal Democratic Party.

Mrs Thatcher praises

Japanese efficiency

From Peter Hazelhurst

Mrs Thatcher, the Conserva-

tive leader, toured the Nissan

car factory on the outskirts of

Tokyo today and was provided with an apt example of how the Japanese have built up their competitive power and cut

into Britaio's car market through hard work and modern production techniques.

After touring the plant and hearing that the individual pro-

ductivity of Nissan's work force exceeds Leyland's output by 400 per cent, Mrs Thatcher told Mr Katsuji Kawamata, the president of the company: "It was

so refreshing to see everyone working. No one was standing

According to recent EEC statistics, the productivity of Nissan Motors has risen to 41

cars a worker a year, compared with the average European worker's output of 11 vehicles

A spokesman for the Nissan

Corporation said later today:
"We hope that Mrs Thatcher
now understands how Japan

can market its cars at cheaper

prices in Britain and other international markets.

Thousands flee

Tokyo, April 15

Lahore, April 15

At least four people are re-ported to have been killed and about 100 injured in rioting in Lahore today.

A demonstration against the Pakistan Government by students and other young people had passed off noisily but peaceably under heavy police escorts. When I arrived at the centre of the incidents which followed, however, a cinema owned by an MP from the ruling People's Party and shops below the party's three-storey office building had been set on fire.

Government supporters urged the police to take up positions by the party offices. As the police did so they fired off tear gas grenades and rifle shots. Young men on motor scooters started to rush out of the crowd, each one carrying a wounded person on his pillion. The police arrested a number of people but the figure has not been dis-

Fourteen policemen were reported to have been injured when a bomb was thrown into

a police bus.

A physical confrontation between the Government and the Opposition seems to be inching grimly nearer. Mr Bhutto, the Prime Minister, has been accused of inciting his followers to take the law into their

At a rally, Mr Bhutto had first urged his supporters " to exercise patience for a few more days", and not take a line which might lead to violence. He went on to say, how-ever: "If you are attacked, you have full right to selfdefence." Party supporters should also protect party offices from attacks by "hooligans",

The opposition National Alliance today rejected as "not worthy of any consideration" a proposal by Mr Bhutto to hold fresh provincial elections and, Opposition secured an overall majority in them, to hold a new general election. After lengthy Cabinet meetings last night and this morning an offer of the election

Polanski

not guilty

plea of

formula first suggested by Mr Yahya Bakhtiar the Attorney General some days ago, was conveyed to the acting council of the National Alliance, which comprises nine opposition

parties. In a statement issued after considering the proposal the Alliance leaders said the offer was "entirely irrelevant to the objective for which the Alliance

It dismissed the Government proposal as "a device to divert the attention of the people of Pakistan from the real objective". The opposition leaders emphasized that they would have no confidence in new elections if Mr Bhutto stayed in

Three people were also re-ported to have been killed in

Jampur, Punjab, during clashes between the police and demon-Mr Sardar Shakar Havat, an influential landowner, today urged fellow members of the National Assembly to gather informally in the capital and

"I fear the country is on the brink of civil war", he said.

Newspaper chiefs seized in Argentina

Los Angeles, April 15.-Mr tor, today pleaded not guilty to charges of rape and sexual per-version against a 13-year-old schoolgirl, saying: "I can't wait to be vindicated."

Mr Talbot Callister, Superior Court judge, ordered transcripts of a grand jury hear-ing at which Mr Polanski was indicted on March 24 to be sealed for the time being "to protect the privacy of the 13-

year-old girl involved in this should be transferred to the seaside town of Santa Monica, 16 miles away where thhe alleged

drug and sex offences took place on March 10. A date for Mr Polanski's trial will be set in Santa Monica next Wednesday.

Herr Schmidt to visit **President Tito**

Berlin April 15.—Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, will visit President Tito in Yugoslavia on May 27 and 28,

celebrations with drums and firecrackers today as people flocked to buy a new book of writings by Mao Tse-tung. More than 200 million copies

are being printed of what looks like being a best-seller here,

although it appears to hold few surprises for historians of China.

The book is volume five of

Mao's selected works. It is being published under the direction of China's new administration,

led by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, which has pursued a generally moderate and pragmatic policy since the purge of radical leaders after Mao's death

The four earlier volumes covered only the years up to the 1949. Communist Party takeover. The new book—assemb-

is agitating: the resignation of Mr Bhutto".

The statement accused Mr Bhutto of being responsible for rigging the March 7 general election and repeated alliance's demands for the supervision by the armed forces and the judiciary of fresh elections as well as the formation of a new election commission.

Last night Mr Bhutto was given a much-publicized dinner by Lieutenant-General Muham-mad Iqbal Khan, the Lahore Army Corps commander, who ranks third in the Army hierarchy. This, evidently, was to show the Opposition the dan-gerous possibilities of the Army intervening to establish "law

Our Rawaipindi Correspondent writes: One person was re-ported to have been killed by firing and another stabbed in clashes in Karachi today between Alliance demonstrators and People's Party supporters.

try to work out some political solution.

He was prepared to give up his assembly seat if others were willing to do the same.

From Our Correspondent Buenos Aires, April 15 The publisher and deputy

manager of a leading Buenos Aires newspaper disappeared today after being taken from their homes during the night by armed men in civilian by arr clothes.

Relatives said Señor Jacobo Timerman, 53-year-old founder and publisher of the independ-ent newspaper La Opinión, and Señor Enrique Jara, aged 37, his deputy manager, were seized by 20 men who first Montonero guertillas, but later themselves soldiers.

The Graiver case, which has been brewing here for weeks, erupted yesterday with an army announcement that 15 promi-nent people had been arrested for subversive activities and economic crimes.

economic crimes.

The central figure is Senor David Graiver, an Argentine banker whose reported death last August in a Mexican air crash, when his finencial empire was in serious difficulties, brought bank collapses

written between 1949 and 1957, and including 46 previously unpublished—takes its marerial from a less dogmatic period. It is likely to become an important guideline to the next generation of Communist Chinese

social planners.

A press commentary introducing the texts gave examples of Mao's early criticism of the Soviet type of communism and views on China's relationship with the United States.

with the United States.

In a 1957 talk Mao is quoted as having told Mr Chou En-lai, the Prime Minister: "These people (the Russians) are blinded by their gains and the

best way to deal with them is to give them a good dressing down." The Sino-Soviet division

Drums and fireworks greet Mao book

Peking, April 15.—There were ling 70 articles and documents elebrations with drums and written between 1949 and 1957,

Dr Owen is optimistic on Salisbury mission

Continued from page 1

He said a major problem would be the form of govern-ment which would cope with the interim period during which the election would take place and it would be best if this period could be kept short. "That will be the time I will be going to Mr Smith to ask him to give up the reino fgovernment, going to the Patriotic Front to tell them to

give up violence; when the free world and the United States will have to decide to give up sanctions. He did not envisage a formal constitutional conference in the early stages but expected that there would be working groups on both sides identifying the

main issues. He was not expect-ing an immediate decision from Mr Smith on his proposals. He was against tight schedules. Asked about the possibility of a continuing British Govern-ment presence in Rhodesia, he said he would have to think about that. It would depend on whether there was a dialogue

taking place. Dr Owen made it clear that the United States was co-spon-soring the proposed conference and that he would be its chairman. Decisions on when and where the talks would take place and their form would be made jointly by Britain and the United States.

The Foreign Secretary has a tightly packed programme for his short stay in Rhodesia.

In short stay in knodesia.

Immediately after his press conference Dr Owen met Mr Garfield Todd, the former Rhodesian Prime Minister, and separate delegations from the Nkomo and Muzorewa African nationalist factions. Mr Todd, long detained by Mr Smith, is now a legal adviser to the Nkomo faction.

Tomorrow Dr Owen scheduled to have 10 separate meetings with people ranging from the chairman of the ruling Rhodesian Front, Mr Des Frost, to a group representing the nationalist faction led by the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole.

After lunch he is due to visit

an African township and tribal trust land near Marandellas. A meeting with Mr Smith is scheduled for 8.30 pm and the day is due to end with an interview on Rhodesian radio and television at 10 pm. Dr Owen will leave for Lagos on Sunday

morning.

Dar es Salaam: The Presidents of Angola, Zambia, Mozambique, Botswana and Tanzania are expected to meet in Luanda on Monday to discuss ways of intensifying the guerrilla war in Rhodesia, official sources said.—Reuter.

World chess is postponed

Reykjavik, April 15.—Illness has caused another postpone-ment of the chess match be-tween Boris Spassky and Vlas-timil Hort in the quarter-finals of the world chess championship. The match will now be fire at US resumed on Sunday.

A playoff became necessary when each finished their 12-game quarter-final series with six points. The first pair of play-off games were drawn.—AP.

One dead, two hurt in mine cave-in

Cagliari, Sardinia, April 15. -A miner was killed and two others were injured when part of a mine caved in near here today, police reported.—AP.

The same document said China's policy towards the

United States was to deprive it of as much political capital as possible and "put it in a wrong and isolated position".

"You Americans can go on a possible and "you americans can go on the position".

without recognition of our government for 100 years, but

I doubt if you can withhold it in the 101st. One day the United Stares will have to estab-

lish diplomatic relations with us."

When that happens, the Chairman said, "They will not find many friends here and they cannot do much even if they spread a few germs."

In another speech Mao said: "To overtake the United States

is not only possible, but absolutely necessary and

racecourse Cherry Rills, New Jersey, April 15.—Thousands of people

were evacuated from the Garden State Park horse racecourse here yesterday as fire swept through the club house grandstands, destroying Police said there were no

immediate reports of deaths or injuries. Riders escaped from the jockeys' room in an upper storey by climbing down fire-hoses thrown out of the window. The fire began during the sixth race and was soon raging out of control.

People in the upper floors of the club house had to fight their way through the billowing smoke to a rear exit, a racing official said.—Reuter.

Heavy losses by rebels during Mandalay battle Rangoon, April 15.-Com-

"Japan's wage level is no

longer low on international scales. The hourly wage rate for the manufacturing industry

is slightly higher than the rates in Britain. The fact is that we

can compete on the free mar-ket because we have invested in modern plants and the indus-

try is not threatened by con-tinual strikes."

There can be little doubt that

her first personal glimpse of Japanese industry, providing a vivid comparison for the situa-

tion at home, has more than impressed the Conservative

leader and her entourage.

Accompanied by Sir Michael
Wilford, the British Ambas-

sador, Mrs Thatcher attended a

lavish reception tonight and

told her Japanese conservative

hosts, the ruling Liberal Demo-

cratic Party, that she will pro-mote closer ties between the

two countries.
Asked by journalists after

the speeches to make a specific comment on Japan's successful

approach to economic progress, Mrs Thatcher raised her eve-

brows in apparent despair and said: "It reflects the state of British industry today; just

look at the figures."

munist insurgents have attacked an army post north-east of Mandalay and a battle with Burmers government Burmese government forces left 72 dead, including 53 guerrillas, the official Burma news agency reported today.

The agency said that about 300 communist guerrillas sur-rounded an army post before dawn on Monday last and a three-hour battle began. The rebels destroyed the town's treasury, two warehouses be-longing to the state trading department and a local co-operative society before Government reinforcements arrived. Further fighting took place about seven miles outside the town and aircraft attacked the rebel positions.—Reuter.

Cyprus threat to Britons

From Oar Correspondent Nicosia, April 15
Threats to kidnap and kill
British diplomats and military

staff here have been made by the extreme right-wing Eoka-B Greek Cyprio: organization. Letters received by the British High Commission said the threats would be acted upon if Britain extradited Kyriakos Kakis, an Eoka gunman wanted by the Cyprus authorities for alleged murder.

Mr Christodoulos Benjamin, the Minister of the Interior. said the letters were from " isolated, silly and irresponsible individuals" who were former members of Eoka. The British community was being protected. British diplomats said the

threats were being taken seriously: "All it takes is a couple of irresponsible people..."

duce an agreement. After the press conference, still encouraged about the he told reporters that he did chances of a new Salt agree not want to send Mr Brezhnev a conditional invitation to come to Washington in September or

He said he did not consider that the talks had reached an impasse and that he would be willing to meet Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet party leader, but did not commit himself to prothat they should get acquainted, but hoped that, in fact, a new Salt agreement would have

posing a meeting.

The first question at his press been reached before. conference this morning con-cerned Salt and the Prada article. He replied: "I think that the Soviet response has been predictable. "I have been somewhat con-

Soviet stance on Salt

does not surprise US

posals on strategic arms limita-tion. Despite the remarkable

cerned lately that they have in Central Europe.
decided to go public as much Mr Willem de Vos van as they have, and I have to say that there is a very important distinction that ought to be drawn between private and determined and continuing negotiations which are being pursued, on the one hand, and the education of the public, the presentation of issues to people manpower.
But Mr Jiri Meisner, of Czechoslovakia, for the Warsaw in our own country which has always been the case since I've

been in office.
"It is very encouraging to know that now Mr Brezhnev and his other leaders are, through Pravda, explaining the Soviet position to the people of Russia. I see nothing wrong with the Soviet leadership giving their arguments and their excuses for not agreeing immediately to our drastic cut proposals to the Soviet people.
"But I do feel encouraged about it. I see no reason to

change our proposals."
Mr Carter added: "I would welcome a chance to meet with General Secretary Brezhnev on

From Patrick Brogan

Washington, April 15

President Carter said today this year he and I might meet that he saw no reason to chause the basic Association.

change the basic American pro- The President said that it was important not to assume that each meeting would pro-

attack on the American position in *Pravda*, he said that he was October, providing that a Salt agreement had been reached or could be reached. He thought

> Vienna, April 15.-Nato and Warsaw Pact negotiators today wound up their latest round of talks on reducing forces with each side accusing the other of blocking agreement on cutbacks

Steenwijk of Holland, speaking for the Nato countries at the four-year-old talks, told a press conference that the chief stumbling block was the Warsaw Pact's insistence that both alli-ances should make equal cuts in

Pact, said at a separate press conference that Nato's demands for bigger cuts by the Soviet block was an important obstacle. Nato says the Soviet block enjoys a 150,000-man advantage and should make the larger initial reductions, but the Warsaw Pact says both sides have roughly the same numbers.

Today, Mr Mulley, the Secre-retary of Defence who is paying a three-day official visit to Austria, sat in on the meeting, the first time a senior minister from either side has attended. British officials said his pre-sence was purely "coincisence was purely dental ".--Reuter.

Zaire Army loses men in attack on

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Kinshasa, April 15.—Zaire Government troops, backed by air attacks, moved against rehels in southern Zaire today, provok-ing clashes which left several dozen Government troops dead and wounded, a Western mili-tary expert said here.

He said they were the most violent clashes since March 8 when a force of former Katangan gendarmes invaded

Government troops, was reportedly mounted about 50 miles from Kolwezi the capital of Shaba, towards Mutshasha, an important road and rail junction town held by the rebels. The 1,500 Moroccan troops flown in by the French Air Force over the past week were not involved.

and today's Army move was intended to test their strength, the expert said. He added that the invaders had received rein. Brussels: President Liobuto said in an interview published dangerous moment has passed gain control of Shaba.

In an interview with La Libra Belgique, the President said the invading rebels from Angola had no chance of taking over the key copper mining centre of Kolwezi

President Neto of Angola had organized the bombing of the Zambian villages to create animosity between Zaire and Zambia. He praised President Giscard CEstaing's action in spearheading Western help for Zaire.—Reuter and Agence

Television viewers given one or two surprises as the White House doors open to admit the cameras

Day at the office with Mr Carter

The overall impression given

by the inevitably stilted performances was that Mr

of showing how much he still

snaps when asked whether the

Russians ought to be notified in

advance that he is sending son, Chip, to China with a congressional delegation. He

looks as if he is soaking up

information from all his meet

ings—rarely needing yet to come to decisions. And he

"Nane of their business". he

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, April 15

President Carter last night let the people in, via the television cameras, to a Cabinet meeting and miscelleneous other activities during a day at

the office which included in-quiring of President Sadat of Egypt whether he needed to use the "rest room". This solicitude, coming after the visitor had travelled one minute and a half from Blaur House, and gone through 15 minutes of arrival ceremonies,

was possibly the most precedent-shattering glimpse of this "open" presidency so far. It will probably turn out to be the most popular moment of this televised Day with the Presi-

Broadcasting Company (NBC) even managed to make news. Mr Carter disclosed that he is preparing another televised message to the nations of the world

He talked of ranging across half a dozen issues from arms

knows his way around the public rooms less well than does his wife, Rosalynn. a masteriui wa television camera that he can

has to learn.

seem without affectation.

Much of the programme seemed more like "get to know your government" as Cabinet, staff and Congressmen were trotted across the screen. Part of the Cabinet meeting seemed

On parcorics traders.

national security.

Three hours after the execution the Prime Minister cited

it as an example of the harsher

punishment his Government was

planning for drug smugglers. Mr Thavorn, aged 44, had been arrested on March 25,

it might be better to focus on one or two main topics.

The overall impression given office lunch with Vice-President Mondale was shown—a rather insipid looking affair, with blueberry pie the most adventurous

Carter is enjoying himself, that he likes being tough with the Russians, but that he is not shy by the President.

There were two unexpected perhaps unintentional, touches. Mr Jody Powell, press secretary, was shown relating to Mr Carter, with some indignation, a news item which he said "impugned" the President's son and Mr Carter's appointments secretary, Mr Tim Kraft. was shown jumping to his feet when Mr Carter telephoned. Both were uncanny reminders of the Nixon days, It was a busy day with Mr

Carter at his desk by 6.30 am and not back to bed until mid-The programme, showed with-out sycophancy by the National Broadcasting Company (NBC)

Inevitably the programme night. It had its pressures from was contrived. The casualness policy men and protectionist was affected, yet Mr Carter has senators but no clashes. There was

response to his wife. He meetings to come to hear a Bolivian child prodigy playing the piano for a group of visitors.

In some sense the programme marks the end of the opening chapter. With the launching of reductions to concern over less informative than a press chapter. With the launching of the gentle suggestion from Dr Zbigniew Brzeziyski, his visited in the cameras to concern over less informative than a press chapter. With the launching of the much-touted tough energy programme next week, a lot of the gentle suggestion from Dr zbigniew Brzeziyski, his were ordered stopped, suggest-

Bermudan court Heroin trafficker executed upholds without trial by Thais death sentence

Hamilton, April 15 .- A Bermudan court here has dismissed an appeal by Larry Winfield Tacklyn, aged 29, against his conviction for a double murder, upholding the death sentence passed in November.

Mr Tacklyn was convicted of killing two supermarket owners during a robbery, together with Erskine Burrows, aged 32, who had carlier been sentenced to death for the murder of Sir Richard Sharples, the Governor, in March, 1973.

Mr Burrows refused to plead at his trial and has not appealed against his two death sentences. The death sentence is manda-

tory in Bermuda for murder, but no one has been hanged here for more than 30 years.

when narcotics agents found 32lb of heroin in the boot of a Car he was driving. The Prime Minister told an anti-narcotics conference here it would take Thailand time to solve its narcotics problems but we are committed to the

He said the Government planned to establish opium-free zones and to back research on the treatment and rehabilita-

Bangkok, April 15.—A herbin against opium growing and trafficker was executed without trial by machine gun fire here today as Thailand's military regime pledged itself to a war raise other crops. In Sadao, Thai forces were reported to have captured a heroin laboratory run by com-Thavorn Udomnueduj, a Lao-

Thavorn Udomnueduj, a Lao-Chinese, was the first to be executed under sweeping powers given to Mr Thanin Kraivichiea, the Prime Minister, to deal with crimes affecting national security. munist guerrillas Major - General Yuthasak Klongtruatrok of the Thai Army told reporters that his forces seized 6lb of heroin, 200 tubes of drugs, and processing equip-ment from the laboratory located in Tapkob village, five miles

The General said the labora

tory was partly dismantled by the guerrillas who had aban-doned it. "This is the first dir-ect evidence of the Communist terrorists from the revolution-ary faction being involved in the narcotics trade", he stated. The order for Mr Thavorn's death, carried out at dawn today by a single executioner, was broadcast on Thailand radio

last night.
The Prime Minister was given his special national security powers under the constitution tion of drug addicts. He also brought in after last October's noted that Government action military coup.—Reutar.

Vorster protest likely over remark by Mr Young United States had sent " a com-

From Our Correspondent Cape Town, April 15

The South African Government is likely to make a formal protest to Washington over the indication by Mr Andrew Young, American representative

Ambassador and consulted the South African Embassy in Washington to ascertain if Mr Young had been correctly outspokenness has also drawn quoted by Associated Press
Mr Botha said tonight that the among others.—AP and Remer.

cies and practices in South Africa, it did not believe its Government was illegitimate. Washington.—The State Department was illegitimate. Mr statement that it was incorrect Young's comment has been to say that the Government of repudiated by the Carron and took public issue with Mr Young here today, issuing a statement that it was incorrect to say that the Government of repudiated by the Carron and the control of the carron and the repudiated by the Carter Administration.

Earlier, Mr R. F. Botha, the South African is illegitimate."

Mr Young had replied "yeah" when asked if he South African Govern, had called in the American ernment was illegitimate. Mr Young recently apologized for saying he sometimes thought Britain had invented racism. His

it disagreed with certain poli-

New Zealand bans British radio journalist

Wellington, April 15.—A British journalist, Mr Peter Elliott, will not be allowed into New Zealand to work as coordinator of news for the country's two television chan-nels, Mr Frank Gill, Minister of Immigration, said here.

He told a deputation from the Broadcasting Council that the only way Mr Elliott, a senior duty editor, could come to New Zealand on a three-year secondment from the BBC was if the BBC were prepared to offer a New Zealand journalist a job for a similar period.

The deputation had sought clarification from the minister who announced, after the council had appointed Mr Elliott to the \$NZ19,000 (£10,000) post, that he would not be allowed in to New Zealand because in to New Zealand because the oasis and prepare for its there were journalists here annexation to Libyacapable of filling the newlycreated job.-Reuter. A Staff Reporter writes: The BBC said that they already employed a number of New Zealanders and there was no

Libya 'plot' to annex oasis area

Egypt has made another accusation against Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, saying he had been plotting to annex Egypt's western desert oasis of Sina. In a front-page report today

Cairo, April 15

Al Gomhouria, the semi-official Cairo newspaper, said the Egyptian authorities had foiled "Colonel Gaddafi's plot" and arrested a number of tribesmen, described as Libyan agents. The newspaper said the tribesmen had been recruited by the Libyan intelligence service, on Colonel Gaddafi's orders, after being trained in Libya to use bombs, hand grenades and machine guns. Investigations revealed, Al Gomhouria said, that the tribesmen's duty was to commit acts

Since its feud with Libya began more than four years ago, Egypt has repeatedly accused Colonel Gaddati of attempting to annex Egypt's Cairo has also accused the

of sabotage and create panic in

From Our Correspondent

obligatory."—Reuter

region. Egyptian - Libyan relations report from its correspondent deteriorated even more this in Addis Ababa today that week after the attack on Egypt's Colonel Gaddafi had paid for diplomatic mission in Benghazi. 40 tanks which Ethiopia re-Cairo believes Colonel ceived from the Soviet Union.
Gaddafi ordered the attack, durIt said that in return the Soviet Gaddafi ordered the attack, during which the mission premises were sacked and the Egyptian charge d'affaires and his wife were molested. Reacting to this incident Egyptians in Alexanincident Egyptia

incident Egyptians in Alexan-sing out ceremony of cadets at may dria stormed the Libyan con-the military academy yesterday. from. The Libyan news agency in a report from Tripoli said two Libyan diplomats had been arrested in Alexandria, but Egyptian police denied and the military academy yesterday. Said Egypt could not ignore plots hatched on its western borders or in the south "where Sudan is being threatened".

General Gamasson and General Gamasson

arrests were made. Colonel Gaddafi, in messages blow up Egyptian installations to the Arab League and the and commit assassinations, and Organisation of African Unity, to participate in the Sudanhad accused Egypt of mistreat- Ethiopia conflict. panion ing Libyans and asked the Egypt and Sudan last year of a Arab League to move out of signed a joint defence pact after perty.

Egyptian newspaper, said in a

Libya was sending sabotaurs to

Arab League to move out of signed a joint defence pact after Egypt.

Egypt.

Libya has barred Egyptians throw President Nimeiry of from entry and was reported Sudan. Both Sudan and Egypt to have put many of them in had accused Libya of planning Libya under police surveillance.

Signed a joint defence pact after After she became ill, Mr Huck arranged for private nursing in a Park Avenue apartment in New York. The cost was more than \$66,000 a

Court names protector for colonel of issuing to a large number of Egyptian Beduin identity cards describing them as citizens of Libya's eastern as citizens of Libya's eastern Al Ahram, the semi-official Manbarran index today appear appear and the semi-official Manbarran index today appear appe New York, April 15.—A year (about £40,000), which he Manhattan judge today appoin- said was more than her annual said was more than her annual income. He suggested to Miss

ted a former justice of the New York Supreme Court, Mr Sidney Fine, to protect the property of Beatrice Lillie, aged 82, the comedienne, actress and singer. Judge Edward Greenfield de-

Miss Lillie, who is Lady Peel in private life, suffered a stroke in January. 1975, while residing in New York City. She has cataracts and is partially

paralysed. Mr John Philip Huck, who has been associated with the comedienne for the past 30 years as producer and companion, sought the apointment of a conservator of her pro-

Lillie which was subsequently auctioned by Christie's for \$350,000 in London. Judge Greenfield observed:
"Miss Lillie, once a gay, scintillating and zany star who delighted audiences on both sides of the Atlantic with her antics, is now a pathetic and helpless figure, paralysed, incapable of speech, and without

family, passing her days in blankness while her remaining

necessity of selling a painting by Modigliani owned by Miss

assets dwindle," He added: "The various expenses incurred in connexion with the sale of a single item of her property, the Modigliani painting, may also be exes-

Arrangements should be made, he said, "for Miss Lillie's transportation to Engineering to Engineering the mainland where she can be main tained for considerably less than the current expenditures."



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rebels Rugby Union Waterloo are likely to lose the battle and the war

By Peter West Rugby Correspondent

Gosforth are 7-1 on to bear waterloo in an all-Northern final of the John Player Cup at Twickenham this afternoon (3.30), which makes them the hottest favourites to win the last round since the knock out competition was languated in 1972, and the underdogs have been installed at 5-1 against. Even Barry de Zwap the 155. Even Barry de Zwaan, the Gos-forth fixtures secretary, regards these odds as being unrealistic, if not ridiculous. Colin Fisher, the Waterloo captain, dismisses them with a fine Scottish suort of con-ternor.

with a fine Scottish snort of contempt.

"People will be unwise to write off our pack", Fisher asserts.

"Our back row should be at least the capil of Gosforth's, even with their airay of stars, and I believe we have a better all round side with more skill in the backs. The wide open spaces of Twickenham should suit to nicely."

This is good fighting talk from an international hooker who is now confronted by Duncan Modsen, the man whose place he won when acquiring the first of his five Scottish caps in 1975, but who took it back again last year. Fisher, a surveyor now working in Glasgow, has every reason for wanting to finish a splendid Waterloo season on a suitably nigh note: this will be his last major game for the club.

For all his confidence, however, it is difficult to see how the sheer

it is difficult to see how the sheer srength and organization of Roger Uniey and his Gosforth pack can be denied. I know of severalneutral England players in the north who think these assets will give the holders an embarrassing

advantage.

If that be so, Waterloo may have all too little ball to sustain the sort all too little ball to sustain the sort of expansive igame they hope, for, and Gosforth, who know where their prime power lies as well as how to play to k, will not be disposed to make things easier for their opponents. They are, as everal other sides have discovered, and the difficult combination to most difficult combination to

Waterloo seem unlikely to get

been in solid and commanding form. But they will hope for a reasonable return at the lineout through Short (6ft 6in), at lock, and Connor, a No 8 who has had some fine games for the county champions this season. If their forwards are strong and skilful enough to win good loose ball as well, Waterloo certainly possess, in Carfoot and Ball, two half hacks capable of using it effectively.

tively.

Carfoot has made his mark for these players Carfoot has made his mark for Lancashire and both these players have added to their rising reputation in England Under 23 colours. Ball was the man who snatched Waterloo's brand from the burning, as runner and goalkicker, in the quarter final round against Bedford, when the losers falled to tighten down the hatch. He has norched up 291 points this season. Flett, on the left wing, has run in 33 tries. Spaven, on the other, has acquired 62 points in the past two months. Waterloo do not lack scoring power.

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There have been suggestions that the Geordie juggernaut grinds only to succeed on nine or 10-man rugby. These do less than justice to a set of backs who, from Young at scrum half to Brian Patrick at full back, make up a hard and experienced combination. If they get the platform they want, they should be capable of scoring a lot of points. Gustard, bludgeon rather than rapier on the left wing, takes a deal of stopping; Britton and Harry Patrick are a pair of strong and thrustful centres; Nigel Breakey, a tall stand-off half in the mould of Richard Sharp, may reveal impressive acceleration in reveal impressive acceleration in

the outside break.
Success for Gosforth would mean the outside break.

Success for Gosforth would mean emulation of Coventry's feat (1973 and 1974) in winning the knock out final twice running. Win or lose, both teams will share £4,000.

GOSFORTH: B. Patrick: J. S. Gasard, H. E. Patrick, K. J. K. Brukey, M. Young: C. White, D. R. Madson, A. J. Catter, T. C. Roberts, J. Hedley, P. J. Dixon, R. M. Utiley (capialn).

Robinson.

champion on clay. Serving at 3-3 in the first set, Lloyd won a game of six deuces. That crisis

of confidence over, he conceded only two more games.

The latest world rankings to emerge from Texas suggest that only 38 women in the world played better tennis than Miss Mottram. Joanna Durie, of Bristol and aged 16, is not among them though last year; she world

the teenage order of merit.

turn, bounced back—from 2—5 to 5—5. Mentally, the effort seemed

to take something out of her. She scored only two more points.

RESULTS: Mon's singles, seri-final round: D. A. Lloyd beat A. Jarrett, 6—4.6—1: C. Bradnam beat N. Jersen, 6—2. 7—5. Women's singles, somi-final round Miss. J. A. Fayles Mise L. Charles, 3—6. 6—4. 7—5: Miss. L. Mottram beat Miss J. Durie, 7—5, 6—4.

Bradnam pauses briefly on his way through the seeds

Tennis Correspondent

Christopher Bradnam, aged 19 and Britain's jumor champion on and Britain's jumor champion on grass, has beaten three seeds in straight sets in successive matches to reach the men's singles final of the tenuis tournament, sponsored by Debenhams, at Hampstead. His opponent today will be a British Davis Cup player, David Lloyd, who won the tournament in 1972 and is seeded to do so again. The women's final, too, will be exclusively British. Jacqueline Fayter meets Linda Mottam, who won at Hampstead Mottram, who won at Hampstead in 1973 and 1975 but is still on

Bradnam is six feet two inches tall, weighs 12 stone and does not bend as easily as he will need to if he is to make an impression on if he is to make an impression on the international circuit. But, except for a shaky phase in the second set, he was too good for Noel Jensen, of Brisbane, who missed his first service too often and paid heavily for bold excursions to the net on his second ball.
When Jersen broke to 4—2 in the second set, it seemed, briefly, that

second set, if seemed, briefly, that his restless aggression might be rewarded. But Bradmam had not stopped playing better tennis. He had merely paused.

Lloyd often looked infimidating at the net, though his volleying was mostly sound rather than severe. He had only one crisis

For the record

Association football

Baseball

Yachting

Golf

CARLSBAD, Calliornia: 67: J. Miller R. Floyd: 68: L. Elder: 69: G. Koch J. Inman: 70: M. Bayes, R. Wynn 71: R. Malthie, D. Hill, D. Grahar (Australia: J. Nichlans, G. Archer B. Litche: 72: R. Massongalo, B B. Litche: 73: R. Massongalo, B B. Lister (NZ), Tennis

Football





Internationals return: Cooke (left), for Chelsea, and Clarke, for Leeds United.

North-eastern accent on relegation

Football Correspondent

With only six matches remaining, Ipswich Town defend their precarious position at the top of the first division while trying to conceal problems that could deprive them of their first championship title since 1962. Three of their regular team—Beattle, Mariner and Wark—are missing from today's match at Leeds. The alterations forced upon the manager, Bobby Robson, leave his team weakened from defence through to weakened from defence through to

attack.

Beattie, such a powerful influence, is in hospital suffering from burns after an accident at home. Wark, now a better midfield player than he first seemed, has again injured an ankle and Mariner, arguably the most effective and certainly the most athletically fluent centre forward in the league, yesterday failed to prove his fitness after straining a hamstring.

In the circumstances, Ipswich In the circumstances, Ipswich might think one point gained at Elland Road as much as they can expect. But with Liverpool unlikely to lose their unbeaten home record to Arsenal, in spite of the London club's good record at Anfield, nothing less than a victory will be enough. They hold a one point lead over Liverpool but have played one game more.

The attitude of Leeds in important and unoredictable. A formight

Mottram. Joanna Durie, of Bristol and aged 16, is not among them, though last year she won British junior titles on three different surfaces. Miss Durie is as close to six feet as it is possible to be without being six feet. She looks promising (at 16, many players do) and she made dogged recoveries in both sets before Miss Mottram confirmed the teenage order of merit.

The stitude of Leeds in important and unpredictable. A formight ago at Liverpool they lost 3—i. They began pleasingly and efficiently, keeping a firm hand on the game's packet. But when Liverpool took the lead against the pattern of play, Leeds remained passive est. Since then they have lost to Manchester City and Stoke City and polly drew at home to the

Lesley Charles led 6—3 and 3—0 against Miss Fayter and, on her own service, had a point for 4—0. But Miss Fayter, who refuses to accept defeat until it has happened, won 11 games out of 14. In the third set Miss Charles, in There is an air of apathy about them. If Clarke returns to the Leeds team, after missing four games with a knee injury, there should be more incisive finishing. Eddie Gray will have a fitness test on a thigh injury but Hampton, the defender, is still unfit and is

on a fingh injury but Hampton, the defender, is still unfit and is replaced by Stevenson.

Arsenal have not lost at Anfield in their last four visits. They were the only team to win there in 1972-73 and 1973-74. If they could achieve that distinction this season, their influence on the championship would be significant. Having overcome the worst sequence of results in their history, they are unbeaten in four games including last Monday's 1—0 defeat of Tottenham Hotspur, who then lost to Bristol City the following day and now face Sunderland at White Hart Lane in a game effectively worth four points. Tottenham's position is more threatening than at any time since they gained first division membership in 1950. They have twice finished 18th and once, two seasons ago, 19th. One cannot but feel that their fortunes follow extended cycles of 10 years. They were champions in 1951 and 1961 and in 1971 were third, but such rhythms are too tenuous for modern importence.

rhythms are too rentious for modera impatience.

For today's game Spurs include the experienced Coates, who has recovered from a cut leg. Sunderland's revival, including a defeat of Manchester United last Monday, has not yet touched upon away form and having, like Spurs, played more games than the other teams in the relegation area, they are still in danger. rhythms are too rendous for mod-

are still in danger.

Two defeats over the Easter weekend left Manchester United nine points behind Ipswich, though with three games in hand. The gap now seems impossibly wide and even the return of Macari and Jimmy Greenhoff may not be enough to give them the comfortable wing over lescenter Giventer. able win over Leicester City that they might have expected a few weeks ago.

Aston Villa won their place in

that European competition by beat-ing Everton in last Wednesday's

exciting League Cup final replay. In theory they, too, have a shadow of a chance of the championship but they are again without Gray and Cartodus for today's match at Coventy. Gidman, an excellent defender, is the latest casualty, with a groin strain. The heavy programme of the past 10 days has also hit Manchester City. Royle and Doyle miss the match at West Bromwich that could finally end City's prospects of the title. The north-east plays a prominent part in today's dramas among the lowly placed. In addition to Sunderland's possible effect on Tottenham's and their own future. Middlesbrough are at home to exciting League Cup final replay. Middlesbrough are at home to Queen's Park Rangers, who are quickly running out of games in

At least their injury list is shorter this weekend. McLintock, Hollins, Clement and Masson are fit again although Thomas, Francis and Leach are not yet ready to return. At Newcastle the task of West Ham United is one that has baffled considerably better teams. Newcastle last lost a home league

Newcastle last lost a home league game a year ago.

Life begins again at 34 for Charlie Cooke, a former Scottish international. He is brought back into the Chelsea team, to play Nottingham Forest at Stamford Bridge, with the contrastingly younger Langley

Yesterday's results

Fourth division Colchester (0) 1 De

RUGBY UNION: Cheltenbam 19. Wasps 16. RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: Hull Kingston Rovers 18. St Helens 15. Sillord 12. Cask-ford 7: Second division: Whitchaven 18. Huyton 6: Hull 26. Bramley 10.

Squash rackets

Grundy cannot hold up

Hunt for long

Michael Grundy, at 38 the oldest competitor, surprisingly took a game off Geoffrey Hunt, of Australia, in a second round match in the Irish open squash championship at Dublin last night.

But Hunt, the world and British open champion, who is top seed to win the Irish title for the fourth time in five seasons, ran out an easy winner.

Kevin Shawcross, the left-handed compatriot of Hunt, also reached the last eight by defeating Abbas Kaoud of Egypt. An ill-tempered match, in which there was a considerable amount ill tempered match, in which there was a considerable amount of barging and obstruction, was won by the Australian by 9—7, 2—9, 9—6, 9—3.

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RESULTS: Second round: R. Watson beat B. Palterson 6—9, 9—0, 9—1.
9—6 J. Brirington (Ireland) beat M. Khalifa. (Egypt). 9—4, 9—2, 9—4; A. Salwat (Egypt) beat C. Francis (England). 9—5 9—5 Nan Pekislari. 9—7 9—5 K. Shaw-10, 9—4, 9—1, 9—5 K. Shaw-10, 9—4, 9—1, 9—5 K. Shaw-10, 9—7, 2—9, 9—5, 9—3; L. Nancarrow (Australia) beat A. Kaond (Egypt). 9—7, 2—9, 9—5, 9—3; L. Nancarrow (Australia) beat A. Khan (Pakislan). 3—9, 10—9, 9—4, 8—10.
9—7; J. Easter (England) beat M. Asren (Egypt). 9—7, 9—1, 9—1, 9—1.

Hockey

Southgate seek revenge

By Sydney Friskin

Nothing exceeds like excess for British hockey activity this weekend. The organizers have contrived to put on too many events at the same time but much of the work is concentrated in the London area. Spencer and Southgate meet at Surbiton tomorrow in the final of the London League (3.30).

At Staines Hockey Club in Middlesex the play-offs in the South League, sponsored by Truman, will take up most of the day to decide the winners and day to decide the winners and runners-up and at Sherborne School, Dorset, the two-day divisional under-21 championship starts today. At Edinburgh there will be a qualifying round for the European club championship today and tomorrow.

Southgate are the current European club champions and their match against Spencer will be their last before they defend their title at Imperial College, Harlington, from May 27 to 30. Their side tomorrow is led by David Whitaker and has eight international players. Spencer, with only two internationals—Missan

and Horst, of the Netherlands—finished first in the League and defeated Richmond 1—0 in the semi-final play-off.

semi-final play-off.

They were champions in 197374 when they defeated Southgate in the final. When they played Southgate in the League on November 13 last year they drew 1—1, so a close and exciting match can be expected. Southgate, who have been in the final for the past five years, lost their title to Slough last season.

In the South League. Trojans will defend their title in a round-robin play-off against Havant, Tunbridge Wells, Ashford, Lions and Indian Gymkhana. Both the winners and runners-up will qualify for the league champlosskip at for the league championship at Aston University in September. At Sherborne, the Midlands will defend their under-21 divisional

defend their under-21 divisional title which they won by beating the South 3—0 in the final at Aldershot last year. The strongest opposition should come from the East, who have a well-organized side much the richer for the experience gained earlier this year in a tournament at Barcelona, which was won by the Ladykillers.

Army of midges the only barrier to Miss Walker's return to form

Hilton Head, April 15

Michelle Walker had one of the best rounds of her career over here when she scored 70 in the first round of the women's interfirst round of the women's Inter-national tournament yesterday. It left her in a tie for fourth place with three rounds to play. Lead-ing the field is Mary Lou Crocker with a record 66 for the course.

and played especially poorly in the two events in which she might have expected to pick up some of the lavish prize money that Colgates and the Crosby offered. She has worked hard for weeks on her swing bur showed little result. Uncertainty on the tee has caused her to lose length and Moss Creek, one of the superior American

her to lose length and Moss Creek, one of the superior American rourses, is not the place to take risks in finding it again.

Yet, underneath this surface diffidence, is a growing belief in her own ability, based on a better understanding of the mechanics of her swing and a greater self discipline. Equally important is her belief that her putting is coming back, better now than at any time since her last fabulous year as an amarteur.

ing the field is Mary Lou Crocker with a record 66 for the course.

Because she has won only once, and that in 1973, Miss Crocker is considered vulnerable. She was in a twosome at the head of the field which was to her advantage. But, according to Miss Walker, the trader is one of the best putters on the tour, a view supported by her performance yesterday when she scored six birdies with putts between seven and 18 feet.

Of more enduring substance perhaps were Jan Stephenson's 68, in second place, and Amy Alcot's 69, in third. Among those in fourth place with Miss Walker is Naucy Syms, a former winner of the British amateur.

Miss Walker entered this tournament in a depressed state. She has not found her form this season

her morale. She abandoued her intention to return to the practice ground after her round only because the midges had by then turned out in force. Julia Greenhalph scored 78.

She was in excellent spirits in spite of having broken her driver and being obliged to drive with a three wood, and well she might be for the wenther was again elorious.

three wood, and well she might be for the weather was again glorious, there will be no cut in the tourns-ment and the course was a delight to play. This, and the absence of wind, explains the low scoring. Miss Alcott would, indeed, have finished on 67 had she not hooked into the rushes at the short 17th

66: M. L. Crocker, 68: J. Siephenson (Australia), 69: A. Alcoll, 70: M. Wallesyms, 71: W. Cornelsus, S. Bertolarchi, P.

Gallacher unmoved by wrestler's charge

From John Hennessy La Manga, April 15

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Bernard Gallacher, of Scotland, remained joint leader of the Spanish open golf championship after the third round today, but he has a new companion at the head of the parade. Last night he was locked on 138 with a fellow Scot, Brian Barnes, and the golden boy of Spanish golf, Severiano Ballesteros. Tonight his score of 208 (70 today) is equalled by Francisco Abreu, of Spain (67 today). One stroke behind come another

One stroke behind come another Spaniard and another Briton, Manuel Montes (63) and Philip Elson (68), and two strokes behind another Scot, Brian Barnes (72), of Italy. It was a dark day for the Ballesteros brothers. Severiano, the younger, went two over par with a round of 74 for the 6,911 yards course, and Manuel, although one under was suffered.

with a round of 74 for the 6,911 yards course, and Manuel, although one under par, suffered a two-stroke penalty for unfair play. He was held to have trod on a low tree branch to allow himself a clear backswing.

Gallacher's opening held little promise of a round of 70. Re started 4, 4, 5, 6 against a par of 4, 4, 5, 4. Even so, he got away with single putts at the first and second, lost the chance of a birdie at the 539 yards third through a bunkered tee shot and declined from the professional drive down the centre of the fourth fairway (440 yards) to the Hackers Anonymous finish of pushed-our second, chip into a

But Gallacher is nothing if hold a fighter, a comforting thought in Ryder Cup year. He pitched to within three feet at the sixth and five feet at the long ninth (559 yards) and thus turned level par. He made his score by reducing to fours the two long holes coming in, with a mine iron to five feet at 13 (558 yards) and two putts on the last (489 yards), where he was only a whisker away

where he was only a whisker away from an eagle, both latitudinally and longitudinally. Abrea has the bearing and the Abren has the bearing and the mien (when wrapped in concentration) of a wrestler, which is not all that surprising, since he once was a wrestler. A man of muscle and menace. Today he did the most frightful things to a golf ball, sufficient to inspire one compatriot to remark "mañana los toros". Well, the bulls will have to wait another day, because Abreu has a fourth round corrida with Gallacher and others here tomorrow.

Abreu hits the ball such colossal distance, that for the most part he achieved his six birdies by pitching close with short irons. The 18th hole was an exception. There his drive was caught in light rough, his second was bunk-ered, his third ran into the fringe of the green, and he holed out from five yards. His card was spoiled by a six, when his drive at the 13th was hooked behind a

Elson is a comparatively new Elson is a comparatively new name in British golf. He is apt to be introduced as "Buster Mottram's cousin". If he continues to play golf the way he did today, I suppose the boot might soon be on the caher leg. Under benevolent private sponsorship, he spent the winters of 1972/73 and 1973/74 at Penina under the tutelage of Heury Cotton. Since those days he has decided to go it alone. on has decided to go it alone, the ground that a hungry golfer is

208; B. Gallacher (GB), 70, 68, 70; F. Abreu (Spain), 71, 70, 67, 209; P. Elson (GB), 70, 71, 68; Ma Montes (Statin, 71, 70, 68, 72; 84, 210; 8. Barnes (GB, 72, 66, 72; 84, Dassu (Raly), 69, 71, 70, 70, 71; 211; M. Sanchez (Spain), 70, 70, 71; f. Fourie (South Africa), 72, 70,

73, 72, 70.
16: M. Greyson (GB), 72, 71, 73; G. Cullen (GB), 72, 71, 73; P. Dawson (GB), 72, 71, 73; P. Dawson (GB), 75, 69; G. Brand (GB), 75, 74, 69; G. Brand (GB), 75, 70, 72; P. Townsond (GB), 75, 70, 72; P. Townsond (GB), 74, 73, 71; S. Owen, 18, 74, 74, 71; A. Brocks (GB), 75, 69, 75; M. Foster (GB), 77, 67, 73; C. O'Conpor Jr (Jreland), 73, 71; C. O'Conpor Jr (Jreland), 73, 71; C. O'Conpor Jr (Jreland), 73, 71;

Motor racing

Jaguar tests **Donington**

By John Blunsden ger, the Broadspeed-prepared Jaguar XJ 5.3 coupé, became the first racing car to be driven at speed over the newly completed Donington racing circuit in Derbyshire yesterday.

shire yesterday.

It was driven by three drivers, Derek Bell, Tim Schenken and John Fitzpatrick, whose fastest lap in 1min 18.47sec, 89.76 mph, becomes the first unofficial lap record for the 2.14-mile course. The lap record for the prewar 3.1-mile grand prix circuit at Donington, on which the new track is largely based, was shared by Von Brauchitsch (Mercedes Benz) and Rosemeyer (Auto Union) at 85.62mph. Racing will begin again at Donington in May and a circuit extension to full grand prix distance is scheduled by the end of this year.

this year.

Commenting on the track yesterday, Derek Bell said: "It is a superb circuit with lots of character, enjoyable to drive on, beautifully built and beautifully designed." Tim Schenken remarked: "It will be a great circuit both for drivers and spectators."

Palomo injured

Tomorrow

Football

Castellet Circuit, Marsellles, April 15.—Victor Palomo, the European 750cc motor cycle champion, was taken to hospital here today after he fell from his 250cc machine during practice for the 100 kilometre race to be run here tomorrow.

Race track officials blamed the strong wind for the accident, saying that Palomo was caught by a strong gust as he emered a corner.—Agence France-Presse.

London League: Final: Southgate Spencer (at Surbiton, 3.30)

Hampshire Hog (at North Hants); Survey v Coomes Hill (21 Coombe Hill); witshire Handicap Champlonship (21 Kingsdown: Herts v Herts Artisans (21 Letchworth).

loge was our 20 minutes before tea, having at that stage scored exactly half of the West Indian runs. At tea the score had moved to 219 for five with King not out 35 and Deryck Murray not out

to 219 for five with King not out 35 and Deryck Murray not out five.

Greenidge's century, which came in 218 minutes, included 15 boundaries and three sixes and was some revenge for the bird Test in Guyana where he twice got into the nineties without managing his first Test century in front of a West Indian crowd.

From mid-morning he had been handicapped by a sore left hip after being hit by a ball from Imran Khan. He was limping as he ran between the wickets but the injury did not appear to handicap his stroke play in any way.

Pakistan made a great start in the match with three quick wickets in the morning session. All three were taken by Imran Khan, who extracted some uneven bounce from the Sabina Park with and also moved the ball in the air and off the seams. He made the first breakthrough with the last ball of the day's opening over, Fredericks giving him a return catch when he fad scored six.

Imran then produced a superb ball to dismiss Richards. It left him off the pitch, took an outside edge and flew to the wicketkeeper.

edge and flew to the wicketkeeper, Wasim Bari, who dived to take a Racing: Beverley races at 1.30.
2.0, 2.30: Ayr races at 1.45
2.15, 2.55.
Gymnastics: Moscow tournament
(3.10).
Wrestling: Learnington promotion
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Wrestling: Ayr races at 1.30.

Magnificent carch in frost of first
slip. West Indies were then 22
for two. Their captain, Clive
Lloyd, joined Greenidge and
seemed to be gaining control as
he hit five boundaries.

Kingston, April 15.—Imran Khau took six wickets for 90 runs to help Pakistan dismiss West Indies for 280 on the first day of the fifth and final Test match here.

Earlier, a superb century by the opening batsman, Gordon Greenidge, in the series of the series of the series of the series. Sikhander Bakht, a medium pace bowler playing in his first Test of the series. Sikhander was taken off after conceding 29 runs in three overs. Kallicharran was more subdued but, by lunch, had made subdued but, by lunch, had made 28 including five boundaries. Lloyd won the toss and decided to bat, the first time in the series that West Indies have batted first. The selectors finally decided to leave out Irving Shillingford and lushan Ali from their party of 13 and included both the Barbad-

G. Greenidge, c and b Intran
Sithender
I. V. A. Richards, c Bart, b Intran
C. E. Lioyd, c Zahaor, b Intran
G. King, c Bart, b Sithander
D. Murray, c Sikhander, b Intran
D. Holfard, c Maljd Khan, b Intran
D. Garner, c Mushtaq Mohammad,
A. Robert, b Sarfar
L. Groft, n.R. out
Extras (1-b 9, n-b 8)
Total

BOWLING: Imman Khan 18-: Sarfrax Nawaz 24.5—5— ikhander Bakht 12-0-71— ikhander Bakht 12-0-71— ikhander Bokht 12-0-71— ikhander Bokht 12-0-71— ikhander Bokht 12-0-715—0. PAKISTAN: Mejid Khan, iohammad, Haroon Rashid, bbss., Mushkeq Mohammad, bel, Washn Raja, Imran Khan 12 Nawaz, Sikandar Bahkt, V 11.—Reuter.

Sussex County Cricket Club have lodged an application with Lord's

But Imran produced another fine ball which took the edge of Lloyd's bat and flew to Zabeer go straight to an independent Abbas at third slip to put West tribunal," he said.

Weekend fixtures Kick-off 3.00 unless stated

First division Birmingham v Stoke

Middlesbrough v Q P Rangers Reading v Mansfield Dumbarton v Arbroath Newcastie v West Ham Sheffield W v Preston NE

Second division

Blackburn v Wolverhampton Fourth division

Plymouth v Hull City

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier
division: Athersione v AP Leamington:
Bath v Burton; Bedford v Maldstone;
Sheimsford v Wimbedon; Graycsend v
Nunceton; Hilimgdon v Dar-ford;
Minchead v Margate; Reddich; v Dover;
Iciford v Weymouth; Yeovil v Ketter;
ng. First divisios—north: Bromsgrave;
King's Lynn; Choltenham v Oswestry;
Jorbe v Banbury; Dunsiable v Merthy
Tydni: Enderby v Bodworth; Kidderinnster v Barry; Milton Keynos v
'Joucester: Tamworth v Cambridge
Ily: Wiltney Town v Shouthridge. First
division—south: Andover v Hastings;
Tylesbury v Bashandich; Canterbury v
Jonanor Regis: Crawloy v Ashford;
Olications; Shopway v Romford; Metrocollian Police v Barnet; Sallsbury v
Malerlooville: Townidge v Poole, Trow-

Third division

Chesterfield v Peterborough (3.15) Coventry v Aston Villa Gillingham v Chester

Norwich v Bristol City Shrewsbury v Crystal Palace

Tottenham v Sunderland Swindon v Bury West Bromwich v Manchester C .. Walsall v Brighton

Bolton v Southampton Cambridge Utd v Southport Albion R v Forfar Bristol Rovers v Burnley Crewe v Torquay Alloa v Clyde Cardiff v Luton Exeter v Stockport Cowdenbeath v Brechin Chelsea v Nottm Forest Halifax v Bradford City E Stirlingshire v Berwick Millwall v Carlisle Hartlepool v Newport Meadowbank v Queen's Park Notts Co v Fusham Rochdale v Aldershot Stephonsemuir v Dunfermline Oldham v Hereford Scunthorpe v Swansea (3,15) Stranzer v Stirling A Orient v Sheffield Utd Watford v Huddersfield Plymouth v Hull City Workington v Brentford

FA TROPHY: Somi-final round, second leg: Altrincham v Scarborough: Slough Town v Dagenham. NORTHERN PREMIER

MORTHERN LEAGUE: Durham V BURNARAM: Tow Low v Bishop Auckland: Ferryhill v Crook: Blyth 5 v
Easington: Evonwood v Shildon;
North Shields v South Bank; Speanymoor v West Auckland; Whitley Bay.

Scottish premier division Rugby Union

Aberdeen v Partick Th Iohn Player Cup Final Hibernian v Celtic Kilmarnock v Hearts Derby v Everton Lincoln v Oxford U Motherwell v Dundee U Leeds v Ipswith Northampton v York City Rangers v Ayr

Dundee v East Fife Falkirk v St Johnstone Hamilton v Montrose Queen of Sth v Morton Wrexham v Grimsby Raith v Clydebank St Mirren v Airdrie

Blackpool v Charlton Bournemouth v Darlington Scottish second division

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division:
Addictions v Erith and Belvedore: Epoing v Humslow; Epoon and Even v
Leichworth: Haringey v rays: LeytonWingate v Cheshunt; Markow v Epham:
Ruisilp Manor v Alios: Worthing v

Gostorth v

Club Matches

Gamorgan Wors v Pentspride Givenes v Sale Harleouins v Rosslyn Park at Stoop Mem Godj. Harde Steld v Percy Park, Landon Scallish v Aberillery, Landon Scallish v Aberillery, v Valo of Lune.

v Valo of Lune.
v Saracens.
uh v Olley. Middlesbrough v Otley, Moseley v Bridgend, Newbridge v London Wolsh, Newbori v Pontypool (3.15) Newton Abbot v Barnstaple, Northampion v Roundhay,

First Division: Feathersione Rovers v Wigan: Leeds v Bradford Northern,

WOMEN'S MATCHES; Broxbourne v urpenden; Harrow v Ealing: Hondon

Lacrosse SOUTH OF ENGLAND First division: Buckhurst H Kenton v St Heller.

Netherfield v Worksop,
Rugby League
First division: Barrow v Leigh
(2,30): Rochdale B v Castleford; Waken
field T v Rull KR (3,30): Warrington
v Oldham; Widnes v Workington Town.
Second division: Branuley v Satley
(3,30): Dewahury v Blackpool B
(3,30): Halifax v Doncaster 13,30:
Hull v Whitehaven; Keighley v Huddersfield (3,16): New Hunslet v Swinton
(3,30). Hockey
England Under-21 divisional Tourns
ment (at Sherbourne School).

Rackets

Football: Preview (12.35). Boxing: Tompkins v Lucas, Magnire v Ferreria, Albert Hall (1.0, 2.35). Motor Cycling: Oulton Park meeting (1.20).

Football: Match of the Day (10.20).

Television highlights

Racing: Newbury races at 2.0, 2.30, 3.0, 3.30. Ice Hockey: Stanley Cup (2.5). Gymnastics : Champions Wembley (3.10). Wrestling: Learnington promotion (4.0). Rugby League : Featherstone Rovers v Wigan (3.45).

RRC 2—tomorrow Rugby Union: Gosforth v Water-Ico (5.40).

Lacrosse

Golf

Football: Preview (12.35). Motor Rallying: Jubilee Safari Racing: Beverley races at 1.30, 2.0, 2.30; Ayr races at 1.45

IBA-tomorrow Football: Big Match (2.15). Cricket

Back in the swing: Jeff Thomson, at a fitness test in Sydney, proves that his dislocated shoulder has healed enough for him to tour England. " I never felt a thing", he said.

Imran Khan's six wickets puts Pakistan on top

WEST INDIES: First imings
. C. Fredericks, c and b lm:
. G. Greenidge, c Bart.

for the special registration of Imram Khan, the Pakistan all-rounder. Terms have been agreed with the player, who has resigned from Wortestershire, Mr Stanley Allen, the Sussex secretary said vectorion. yesterday.
"We now await a decision on

Wary trainers playing a waiting game a waiting game From Desmond Stoneham winner of bis only race this there is a lot to like about the like about the local and is obviously much better than the local trail at Kempton Park a week ago and is obviously much better than the local trail at Kempton Park a week ago and is obviously much better than the local trail at Kempton Park a week ago and is obviously much better than the local trail at Kempton Park a week ago and is obviously much better than the local trail at Kempton Park a week ago and is obviously much better than the local trail trail to be the cause his stable has still trail to be the cause his stable

Forecasting for Sunday's tacing at Longchamp is difficult because no fewer than eight horses are left as runners in both the Prix Daru and the Prix de Guiche. It seems the Chantilly trainers have been playing a waiting game with each other and the final runners will not be known until 11.45 am will not be known until 11.45 am

will not be known than 1743 and tomorrow.

At the head of this game is Francois Mathet, who is being cagey about the seasonal first appearance of his classic prospect General. Having talked with many at Maison-Laffitte today, I believe General will run in the Prix de Chiche, leaving the more valuable Prix Darn for my selection, Balteus.

Balteus.

Balteus, who is owned by Sir Michael Sobell, ran only three times last season, winning on his last two outings. In his first, the Prix de Caen at Deauville, he was a comfortable winner from Hermodore and Hainaut, who recently finished third to the now sadly injured Rex Magna in the Prix Greffulhe. On his only other outing in 1976, Balteus won the Prix Greffulne. On his only other outing in 1976, Balbeus won the group three Prix St-Roman, at Lougchamp, beating Numa Pompflius, Le Despote and Monseigneur who is a well backed probable for the Epsom Derby.

I expect Balteus to be hard pressed by Casaque, already a

From Desmond Stoneham
French Racing Correspondent
Paris, April 15
Forecasting for Sunday's racing at Longchamp is difficult because no fewer than eight horses are Carver.
Assuming that General contests

the group three Prix de Guiche, I feel that there is little point in opposing this son of Brigadier Gerard.

PRIX DARU (Group II: 3-y-o colts and fillies: £23,474:



card at Newbury today. Sponsored for the fifth time by the Clerical, Medical and General Life Assurance Society the Greenham Stakes is an important classic trial. And as such it may well steal most of the limelight although the John Porter Stakes and the Newbury Spring Cup are both every bit as good in their different ways. Tachypous, currently the second favourite for the 2,000 Guineas, runs in the Greenham Stakes in which he must give 5lb to all his rivals. This will be his first race since he won the Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket last autumn

test because his opposition in-cludes Fair Season and Rocket Symphony who have both acquir-ted themselves well in similar races already this season and Black Sulphur who has been sent all the Sulphur who has been sent all the way from France
With the advantage of previous races Fair Season and Rocket Symphony should both be very hard to beat on this occasion. Fair Season who finished third to The Minstrel and Gairloch at Ascot a fortnight ago is preferred.
When one analyses his form his

his weight in the Free Handicap would suggest. On a line through Digitalis it is possible to argue that he ought to have had at least 3st 4lb which was a pound less

longs last season, one of which he got on the disqualification of Hancena. Later in the season Hancena inished only fourth in the Cheveley Park Stakes which suggests that Sulphur is nothing out of the ordinary. On the other hand, Yves Saint Martin has flown over mortally for the idde

hand, Yves Saint Martin has flown over specially for the ride.
Orange Bay, the winner of the Italian Derby in 1975, and the Jockey Club Stakes and the Hardwicke Stakes here last year, heads the list of acceptors for the John Porter Stakes. His opposition on this occasion includes Old Bill who won the Chester Vase last May: Swell Fellow who won the Geoffrey Freer Stakes on today's When one analyses his form his chance of winning this race becomes more and more apparent. At Doncaster last September Fair Season failed by only a length and a half to catch Mrs McArdy and he was trying to give 15lb to the filly who won the Free Handicap season, becaute filly who won the Free Handicap

Lighter. At his best Orange Bay would have a favourite's chance but he does not appeal as a safe bet because his stable has still to find its rhythm. Old Bill is suggested to those looking for an alternative.

Digitalis it is possible to argue that he ought to have had at least 8st 4lb which was a pound less than Fair Season actually got.

All that suggests that there may not be very much between Fair Season and Rocket Symphony at the end today. And together they could be too good for Tachypous on this occasion. It is difficult to know what to make of the French challenger Black Suphur. He won two races over five furlongs last season, one of which he got on the disqualification of a week ago, Aliante and Zoroas-Guineas third Thieving Demon, Blustery and Miss Filbert, who both ran so well in the Lincoln, Air Trooper, who ran away with the Rosebery Stakes at Kempton a week ago, Aliante and Zoroaster. Aliante worked extremely well with Lucky Wednesday not long ago and with Henry Cecil's horses fast running into form he ought to go close. But Zoroaster is preferred on this occasion in the belief that he is well handlecapped with only 7sr 12th.

Until he met with a sethack in training as a two-year-old Zortraining as a two-year-old Zor-oaster was considered to be better than his stable companion Stand to Reason. Yet today he will be receiving 12lb from Stand to Reason. By winning so easily at Doncaster last month Zoroaster



Saint-Martin: a special flight to ride Black Sulphur.

to Reason. Yet today he will be receiving 12lb from Stand to Reason. By winning so easily at Doncaster last month Zoroaster went a long way towards proving that the troubles which have place and she was every bit as domineering in the race itself. It was clear a long way home that Dortal would win just as easily as Lester Piggott decided. She passed the post five lengths to the good with Piggott sitting motionless on her back.

Edition should be favourite to give William Whitthread his third successive victory in this race. At Aintree, Our Edition showed himanifee, Our Edition showed min-self to be the most improved steeplechaser in training when beating Broncho II by five lengths in the Weetabix Handicap. It is true that Broncho would have linished closer if he had not

been hampered in the straight. But that was Our Edition's third win off the reel and Broncho endorsed the form in no uncertain fashion when beating Grangewood Girl and Fort Devon in an exceptionally fast time in the Welsh Champion Steeplechase. One of the few obstacles in Our Edition's path this afternoon is that Stan Mellor has stated that the 10-year-old is happier with plenty of give underfoot, while Red Rum is not the fast going.

Red Rum is not the fast going.

Red Rum is not the borse over pack fences that he is at Liverpool. His canny and cautious approach to his jumps is apt to lose him ground when the heat is turned on and his younger and more carefree opponents are standing back and letting themstelves go. And despite his five shell rely on Sindab who should victories at Ayr, the fast Scottish n beating Grangewood Girl and

£669 : 3m 110yds)

3.30 TORRANYARD HURDLE (4-y-o: £903: 2m)

By Michael Seely

For reasons of sentiment alone.

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Red Rum to exploit his standing.

But this is not a high-class field.

But race if he is in the right mood.
Fred Rimmell will be seeking compensation for Andy Pandy's unlucky fall at Aintree with Double Negative.
The Scottish trained Sebastian V.

was in the lead when he fell at Becher's the first time round at Liverpool and is fracied to capture this trophy for Hawick today. But the extended four miles is still a dire test of stamma.

And provided that Red Rum does not get too far behind in the early stages. I expect to see Donald McCain's infectious optiThat Post . F.

Newbury programme

[Television (BBC1): 2.0, 2.30, 3.0 and 3.30 races]



GREENHAM STAKES (5-y-0 c & g: £9,515: 71)

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4.0 ST ANNE'S STAKES (2-y-o mf: £911: 5f)

4.30 COMPTON STAKES (Div I: 3-y-o maidens: £1,179: 1m)

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601 32- Accelorate, P. Wahryn, 9-0 P. Eddery 5 600 Co. S. James, 9-0 Co. S. Williams 8 600 Co. S. Williams 9 600 Co. S. Williams 9

11-8 North Two, 3-1 Golden Gun, 11-2 Foveran, 8-1 Billy Frosty, 10-1 Mary Mod, 12-1 Warwick Fly.r. 20-1 others.

3.15 LORD PROTECTOR HURDLE (Handicap: £773: 23m)

Huntingdon programme

Beverley programme

[Television (ITV): 1.30, 2.0 and 2.30 races]

UMI	BER BRIDGE STAKES (2-y-o: £1,124: 5f)
71	Sharp Pad (D), K. Ivory, 9-1
0	Glisdale Boy, M. W. Easterby, 8-11 S. Wake 7 1 Chadodox, W. Marshall, 8-11 R. Marshall 7
03	Dariano, M. W. Easterby 8-11
3	
4	Go-Geller, M. W. Lesterby, 2-11 D. Shaw 7 15 Paphos Boy, S. Walnwright, 2-11 G. Duffield 9 Quay Man, N. Adam, 8-11 T. McKoown 14
_	Ta Jetta, J. Berry, 8-11 E. Apter 16 Tasoro Mio, J. Etheringion 8-11 J. Scagravo 10
	Honey Season, M. W. Easterby, 8-8 E. Hide B
0	Snow Path, S. Walawright, 8-8 B. Headley 12 Vicars Lass, A. Smith 8-8 B. Henry 13
haro s. 12	Pad. 11-4 Friendly Baker, 4-1 Quay Man. 6-1 Go-Gotter, 8-1 -1 Darlano, 16-1 others.

2.0 JOHN HUDSON MEMORIAL STAKES (Handicap: £2,084;

2.30 SWAKARA STAKES (£1,133.90 : 1m 4f)

3.0 ROWLEY STAKES (3-y-o handicap: £426: 7f)

3.30 HUNSLEY STAKES (3-y-o handicap : £943 : 1m 4f)

4.0 SKIDBY STAKES (Maidens: £730: 1m 2f)

2.0 Spade Guinea. 3.30 Pin Tuck. 4.0 Song of Dixle. 4.30 Miss Deed.

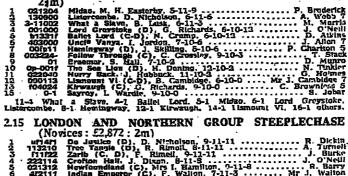
By Our Racing Correspondent 2.0 On The Fringe. 2.30 Fair Season. 3.0 ZOROASTER is specially recommended. 3.30 Orange Bay. 4.0 Kuwaiti. 4.30 Accelerate. 5.0 Owen Jones.

| 100yd | 3m 100yd | 3 2.45 GORDON ARMS STEEPLECHASE (Div I: Novices: £587: 23 7m 100md)

| 127 Mod. 12-1 Warvick Fyt. 20-1 cibras. | 128 Mod. 12-1 Warvick Fyt. 20-1 cibras. | 128 Mod. 12-1 Warvick Fyt. 20-1 cibras. | 128 Mod. 12-1 cibras.

3.45 WATNEY'S SPECIAL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,127: Huntingdon selections

Ayr NH programme





[Television (IBA): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.55 races]

2.55 SCOTTISH GRAND NATIONAL STEEPLECHASE (Handi-

145 ROYAL BURGH OF AYR HURDLE (Handicap: £1,718:

2-1 Knight Valiant, 3-1 Of Course, 4-1 King Bee, 5-1 Cool Thruss, 8-1 Paduminist, 12-1 Just Nov. 16-1 others. Ayr selections

By Our Racing Staff 1.45 Braemar. 2.15 TREE TANGLE is specially recommended. 2.55 Red Rum. 3.30 Ruddy Sam. 4.0 Sea Pigeon. 4.30 Flipper. 5.0 King Bee.

4.15 MARCHWIEL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,763: 3m

2-1 Arctic Hefr. 100-30 Guiding Star. 9-2 Border Mark, 6-1 Ross Royal, 8-1 Big Henry, 10-1 Ostrich Duck, 14-1 Phillidon, 20-1 others.

4.30 LADY ISLE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £879: 3m 110vda)

5.0 HUGH BARCLAY CUP STEEPLECHASE (Novice hunters:

2005; SM 1109(RS)

2212 King See, W. Reed, 7-12-5

1 Kingst Valkani, Mrs J. Struthers, 6-12-5

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10 Concort, C. Bell, 6-12-0

4.0232 Coet Thrust, Mrs M. Minto, 8-12-0

2 Just Now, M. Wilson, 9-12-0

3 Phillaminist, Mrs J. Barrow, 11-12-1

Screm Cap, A. Olbson, 10-12-0

Bangor-on-Dee NH programme

2.15 BRYN HOVAH NOVICES' HURDLE Div I: Part I: 4-y-o novices: £272: 2m 92yds



2.45 BRYN-Y-PYS CHASE (Handicap: £738: 2½m 81yds)

1 400040 Cultoville, T. Forster, 9-11-8 G. Thorner
2 u13-350 Headmaster, J. Braddey, 10-11-7 M. Williams
5 732110 County Clare, R. Cooper, 8-11-5 H. Frans
4 11900-4 Mexican Profic, S. Mellor, 9-11-5 H. Frans
5 142021 Gay Kempley, Earl Jones, 10-11-1 H. Walkinson
6 u1-343-4 br. Savin, L. Mostyn, 8-11-6 Mr. R. Shaw 7
8 1210-9 Celdburg, W. Wharton, 6-10-12 R. Evans
12 400000 Sunny Chief (C), B. Cambidae, 9-10-8 G. Jones
13 20123-4 Merry Boy, M. Chaomain, 7-10-11 G. Jones
15 001230 Cherry God, A. Jarvis, 5-10-7 B. Brogan
15 002030 Cherry God, A. Jarvis, 5-10-7 B. Brogan
16 002030 Cherry God, A. Jarvis, 5-10-7 G. Tinking
17 20000030 Edgend Prince, N. E. Juston, 10-0-0 G. Tinking
18 2000013 Edgend Prince, N. E. Juston, 10-0-0 D. Carrowich
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19 2000024 Salindania, J. Webbert, 6-10-0 D. Carrowich
21 pobodi Manoric, R. Edwards, 7-10-0 G. Caville 7
5-2 County Clare, 7-2 Merry Boy, 9-2 Yog, 6-1 Cultoville, 8-1 Mexican Frolic,
10-1 Gay Kempley, 14-1 Mr Savin, Goldbarg, 20-1 others.

3.15 SIR ALFRED McALPINE HURDLE (Handicap: £1,721:

3.45 BETTISFIELD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £867: 2m

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4.45 BRYN HOVAH HURDLE (Div 2: 4y-o

Bangor-on-Dee selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.15 Rullahman. 2.45 Headmaster. 3.15 Ordnance Hill. 3.45 Eselle.
4.15 Gulding Star. 4.45 New City. 5.15 Changing World.

Yesterday's results at Newbury

2.0 · 2.71 BECKHAMPTON STAKES

· 2.y-p maldens: £1,036: 5f)
Capitals Flak, ch. c. by Salvo—La
Miranda (G. Peter-Hobiya).

Silver Lord, er C. by Abwah—
Sylvanucts (G. Elliot). 9-0 [av] 2

Sovereign Times. H. E. Stovereign

Grams—Manerao (Strangchursi
Lid. 9-0 ... G. Baxter (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: B-1 Son Fils, 10-1 Durrott House. Gryvenhegue, Herbert
Pocket, Milutio. Sharpen Your Eye.
13-1 Red Carpet. 14-1 Eastleigh
Manor, Golden Moet, Slammer, 20-1
Brimley Bay, Lamplord, Oz Edge.
10-1 Parks Gambier, 33-1 The Gate
10-1, West Gambier, 33-1 The Gate

(Div I: 3-y-o: £893: Im 5()

Meadow Bridge, b. c. by Busted—
Arronia (H. Joci): 9-0

J. Mercer (9-2) 7

Redman, b. c. by Reiko—Neptune's

Daughter (Ld Vestey): 9-0

G. Slarkoy (7-2 fav): 2

Never LH Us, b. c. by Never Say

Die—Moonili (Mr H. Gallant): 3

ALSO RAN: 10-1 Imishiacken (44b),
12-1 Marakas, Milsson, 14-1 Rosybay,
Sai Spring 16-1 Habomata, 20-1 Paño,
35-1 Bantí, Gadebrook, Siate Control,
Tudor whistle, Swallows Image, 13

Tab.

TOTE: Win, 22p; piaces, 12p, 14p 43p; dual forecast, 17p, B, Hills, at Lambourn, Si, 12l Imin 32.42ecc,

2.0 /2.7: BECKHAMPTON STAKES 4.0 (4.1) THATCHAM HANDICAP (2.3-5-0 maldens: £1,036: 5(1) (£1,215: 2m) (4.1) (4.1) THATCHAM HANDICAP
(21.215: 2m)
Japalik, b c, by St Poddy—Goisha
(G. Doards), 4-9-5
L. Piggolf (5-2 fav) 1
Soa Kestrol, gr m. by Sea Hawk II
—Rising Winry 1 Mrs C. Emmett.,
67-8-... C. Rodrisuss 114-1; 2
Just Jeity, b m. by Jolly Jet-Not
Por Porcha Mrs B. Thomson 1,
67-8 - Lothnson (11-2, 2
ALSO RAN: 11-2 Bellalus, 6-1 Eric
Stuart True Song 16-1 Bigribo 14th,
25-1 Crue Song 16th,
25-1 Crue Song 16t

Bustot Fiddle did not run.

4.30 (4.30) STROUD GREEN HANDI-CAP (3-y-o): \$1.265: 1m.

Le Salaif, ch. C. by Rol Soleil—Maye Blues (PTP Plant Hire Life) 7-12 B. Rouse (10-0-30 fev) 7
Danish King, br. C. by Hardicanute — Flustling Waters (H. Joeil) 2
Princess Blancs, J. By Prince Regent—Whitewood (Col Sir D. Clayue), 7-5 EP, Cullen (14-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-1 Amily, 73-2 Tal Princess (H. B. B. Haidhail, 9-1 Arocke, Morning Lee, 3-1 Green Fingered, Slow Coach, Cambridge Gold. 13 7aa.

TOTE: Win, 530: places, 280, 250, 100; 110; 121.

TOD: H. Price, al Finger, 6.1 Lining, 45,88cc. Marker Wrokin did not run.

5.0 (5.2) SPRING MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: 3-y-o: 5891: 1m 51)
Reyal Bland, b c by Crepello—
Bontbazine (G. St. Cereye), y-o
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Yesterday's results at Beverley

2.15 (2.17) HOUGHTON STAKES Kings Palece M. L. Thomas (7-1) 2. (3-y-0; £615; Im)

Silver Cygnet, gr f, by My Swance Morai (G. Legodit B-11 at 15-2 Cregani, 10-1 High Stoward 12-1 Apple Peel TickSown (7-2) 2 Stay With Me R. Marshall (7-1) 3 Stay Reg Chris. Slay With Me R. Marshall (7-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav. Robins Song, S-1 Varanice, Jang Again and Yellow S-1 Menlin, E-1 Mahar, 9-1 Red Caris, II-1 Twinkling Ecols, Wending, 20-1 TOTE: Win, 42p: places, 18p, 27p, 19m, 1. Waller, at Newmarkel, 1'sl. Trabere did not run, Strafford Gypsy, Wool Bridge, 16 ran, TOTE: Win, £1.18: places, 22p, 19p, 22n, T. Fairhurst at Middleham, 1'sl. (2576: 51)

2.45 (2.46) LUND STAKES (2-y-o: Satisfied, br ? by Great Satisfied Solve Money to Spare, b c. by Track
Spore—Lucre (R. Peg2), 8-3

Old Court J. Bleastale (10-1)
Starlight Lad G. Olderori (5-1) 2
Starlight Lad G. Olderori (5-1) 2
ALSO RAN: 5-1 fav Black Crow
10-1 Identity 1 th 1-1 Christine
TOTE: Win, S1.23: blaces, 21p. 25p.
Middleham, 5l. 1's. Hall at
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3.47 (5.47) EVERINGHAM STAKES (£548: 1'sm)

King Stiric, gr c. by Sea Hawk II—
Bolle Affair (D. Pagri, 4-7-0

A. Bond (5-1) 1

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A. Bond (5-1) 1

Frondler, £14.90.

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Add not run.

2.45: 1. Tescasen (7-4 fav): 2.
Burning Star (9-2): 3. Shawbury Park.
(4-1): 4 run.

3.15: 1. Deep Mystery (12-1): 2.
Mailorie (7-2): 3. Mayge (4-1). Turner
(9-4 fav): 15 run.

3.45: 1. Rayal Bally (5-2): 2. Don.
Enrico (7-1): 3. Hidden Tanket (6-1): 3. Price Crew (16-1).
Bunchill. 4-1 fav. 15 run.

3.45: 1. Rayal Bally (5-2): 2. Don.
Enrico (7-1): 5. Hidden Tanket (6-1): 3. Sarcen (11-1). 8. mn.

4.15: 1. Parry Line (9-4 fav): 2.
Chulka (35-1): 3. Jer (5-1): 10 run.

(14-4): 1. Grantho (5-1): 2. Erner
(11-4 fav): 3. Oujartor (16-7): 13.

Tank 11-10: 1. Donn Hero 2-1 fav. 8 run.

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Ayr NH results (7-1) 9 ran.

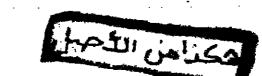
2.45: 1, Old Vince (evens fav): 2.
Secting Filing (9-2): 5, Val Kind (3-1): 4 ran.

3.15: 1, Even Daws (5-1): 2. Tom Morgan (6-1): 3, Prire Crew (16-1).
Bonobill. 4-1 fav. 15 ran.

3.45: 1, Evenbelt (4-1): 2, Igloo Free (9-4 fav): 3, Sarcen (11-1). 8 ran.

4.16: 1, Dauble Cam (4-1): 2, Bloo

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This account of poker at the White House is adapted from Total Poker, by

David Spanier.

Washington for me has always been a gambling town. Though it may seem hard to believe, looking down from the elegant heights of Capitol Hill, it was a gambling town from its early days. Most gaming rooms were on or around Pennsylvania Avenue, a short ride from the Capitol, a tradition admirably Capitol, a tradition admirably carried forward in modern times by the cardroom of the National Press Club on 15th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue.

all nineteenth-century politicians, nobody better per-sonified the swashbuckling, high-gambling poker player than Henry Clay. In the Presi-dential election of 1832, when he was thought to be the only man who might beat Jackson, his reputation as a poker player attracted some censure. One of his services to his constituents in Kentucky had been to soften the effect of legislation such as the 1804 Act to suppress gaming in the state. A hostile paper in New Hampshire claimed that Clay "spends his days at the gaming table and his nights in a brothel". He evidently enjoyed poker downtown quite as much as politics up on Capitol Hill. He once won \$40,000 in a single evening in Lexington from a certain John Bradford. The next day Bradford confessed he couldn't raise the money. Clay did the gentle-manly, and the wise, thing: "Oh, give me your note for five hundred dollars and let the balance go."

Around Henry Clay have grown up some of the classic myths of poker, like his hand against Daniel Webster.

With Webster dealing, Clay took one card on the draw and Webster stood pat. The two went on raising each other until each had \$2,000 on the table. At this stage Clay stopped reraising and called. According account Webster to mis account webster laughed sheepishly and threw down his cards. "I only have a pair of dences", he said. Clay laughed too. 'The pot is yours', he said. 'I only have an ace high.'"

Even if he thought Webster was hluffing, which he was, Clay had to put him bester than just an ace. He would have done better to fold when his own bluff was reraised, and resisted the temptation to call the last raise. What is endear-ing abut Clay is that he was a good loser as well as a good

Then, of course, there is Henry Clay's theatrical dismissal of a member of the com-pany whom he caught with an extra ace in his hand. "He slowly drew himself out of his seat, and rose upward until he seemed about seventeen feet tall. He drew his pistol and the man made for the door. Clay did not follow him but expressed his indignation by walking around to his chair and shooting a hole through its

Nor did Clay confine his high spirits to the gaming tables. He had an eye for a pretty girl, too. When John Quincy Adams accused Clay of offering a serving maid. "young, rosy and fair to look upon", a five-franc piece for a kiss, Clay raised his accuser back with devastating effect. According raised his accuser back with devastating effect. According to W. J. Florence's Handbook on Poker (1831), Adams, who "seldom made a joke", had a weakness in his eyes that kept him constantly busy mopping up the tears. Clay was momentarily taken aback by Adams's charge, then polled out his handkerchief and, wiping his eyes in imitation of Adams's gesture, told the assembled gesture, told the assembled company that it was true. "I did offer the maiden five francs for a kiss, but as I attempted to take it she sprang from my embrace and indig-nantly exclaimed: 'Do you think I am such a fool as to give you a kiss for five francs, when I've refused that old gentleman across the hall, who has offered me twenty with tears in his eyes?'

Adams took the joke so badly he refused to speak to Clay thereafter. Eventually Clay apologized, explaining that he had been dumbfounded by Adams's remark, "the more so because it contained more truth than fancy".

In spite of the puritan spirit was not necessarily a handicap in public life, certainly not when it came to catching President Cleveland's eye. "It chanced on a deal that I picked up a pat flush. Mr Cleveland a pat full s, as Cleveland a pat full , as Henry Watterson, a Southern journalist and politician, recalls the story. Besides the President, the players included Secretary of the Navy Whitney, Senator Don Cameron of Pennsylvania, and Speaker of the House John Griffin House John Griffin

"The Pennsylvania senator and I went to the extreme, the President of course wilking enough for us to play his hand for him. But the Speaker of the House persistently stayed with us and could not be driven out. When it came to a draw, Cameron drew one card. Mr Cleveland stood pat admired. Chess is slow, deep Bur Mr Carlisle drew four and reflective, and besides pro-







Presidential Poker

by David Spanier

Poker is a great revealer of character, of Presidents as of lesser men. Nixon bluffed too high over Watergate.

Khrushchev was a winner, but in the Cuban missile crisis Kennedy outplayed him.

cards. At length, after much banter and betting, it reached a showdown and, mirabile dictu, the Speaker held four kings!

"Take the money', exclaimed the President. 'If I am ever President again_you shall be Secretary of the Treasury. But don't make that four-card draw too often'. He was President again, and Mr Carlisle was Secretary of the Treasury." The odds to draw three more

kings, assuming Carlisle could have divined that none was out before the draw were about 650 to one. The route to high office no doubt, was not quite as direct as that ascribed to Carlisle, but it is pleasing to think that a Secretary of the Treasury might be preferred not for his close and cautious artitude to finance but, on the contrary, because he had the inspiration and luck to make a long shot pay off.

Diplomacy has more in com-Diplomacy has more in common with poker than does high finance. In general, one might say that the Russians play chess and the Americans play poker. The analogy is a broad one, but it seems indicative of how the superpowers regard the world. At the level of the world. At the level of grand strategy, the Russians are trying to change the world entirely, to recast it in their own mould. The United States, though ready to defend democracy as a form of gov-eroment, is essentially aiming to meet each challenge as it

arises, to win out. Poker is ideally suited to the American temperament: it is fast, it has action, it is a game in which daring and courage are the qualities that are most ducing winners and losers, frequently results in draws.

When the Russians, with their mastery of chess, become involved in a poker contest, they are at a disadvantage. In they are at a disadvantage. In Cuba, Khrushchev was playing the wrong game, in the wrong place, for the wrong stakes. When the United States got drawn into Vienam, it, too, was operating in the wrong dimension of a "no-win" situation.

What a pity Richard Nixon did not apply his poker princi-ples to his conduct of the Preples to his conduct of the Presidency. From a personal point of view, he would have fared far better. And the Republic would have been spared much anguish. Poker is a great revealer of character, a truism that applies to Presidents as well as to lesser men. The young Nixon, as it happens, was a good poker player, conservative but with a quick eye for the winning chance. What is surprising is not that he played well, but that as a convinced Quaker, he chose to play at all.

In the next two months, Nixon won \$6,000. Every successful player has to go through his initiation to the game. Once upon a time it was in the colourful setting of frontier saloons, more likely nowadays it begins in college; Eisenhower learned even younger, but he was too

His first regular acquaint-ance with the game was in his early naval days in 1943, when he was posted out to the Paci-fic. Lieutenant Nixon, though he may have had an idea of the game, was not a player; in fact he spent his evenings in camp in such improving pursuits as reading his Bible. One night, however, he looked in on the poker game in the Officers' Club and this evidence of the control of the cont

One of his fellow officers, Jimmy Stewart, whom Nixon outranked as officer in charge Jimmy Stewart, whom Nixon outranked as officer in charge of air transport at the base at Green Island by virtue of one month's sensority, has recalled out.

uniess he knows he has everyone at the table beaten at the
time of the draw. Nick liked
what I said. I gave him his
first lessons. We played twohanded poker without money
for four or five days, until he
learned the various plays. Soon
his playing became tone. He

even younger, but he was too nice to win off his fellow officers.

Nixon was lucky, right at the start, to find a man prepared to ground him so carefully; but he deserved full marks for takhe deserved full marks for taking the trouble to learn in this
way. He took the game very
seriously, even if it was a
"friendly" game, always tossing his winning hands in the
discards and mixing them up if
he won the pot unseen, so as to dently started a new train of avoid giving his game away. Clearly, he learned not just what the "rules" or percent-

in The Real Nixon by Bela Kornitzer (1950), how he taught Nixon to play:

"One day I noticed Nick lost in his thoughts. He was seemingly concentrating on some problem. Finally he asked: 'Is there any sure way to win ar poker?' I explained that I didn't know of a sure way to win, but that I had a theory for playing draw poker. It was that one must never stay in unless he knows he has everyone at the table beaten at the do." Udall observed that, watching him closely, his fellow officers prophesied that he would succeed in whatever civilian career he might choose. That he would become President, however, did not show, presumably, in the cards.

Why did Nixon pass over the Why did Nixon pass over the traditional Quaker objections to gambling? The explanation given is that he needed the money. He improved his poker to such an extent that he won "a sizable amount". How much money there was in those games we don't know. But he did tell Stewart that poker laid the foundations of his political career, because his winnings enabled him to finance his campaign against Congressman paign against Congressman Jerry Voorhis.

Later on, from the eminence of the Vice-Presidency, Nixon deprecated his talent for poker. Dr Albert Upton, his former drama coach at Whittier College, California, was convinced that a man who couldn't hold a hand in a first-class poker game was not fit to be President of the United States. Nixon's reply, when the question was put whether he agreed with this prescription, was rather too modest; "I believe my ability in this field is somewhat exaggerated," he declared. "I was

have anything else to do, men from the various neighbouring islands would get together in the evenings for games and it wasn't always poker."

He added that he had played only once since becoming Vice-President and on that occasion "just broke even". "Just breaking even" is the habitual language of a winner disguising for one reason or another his success. As a politiciau, indeed like most winners, Nixon became extremely coy when pressed about figures. A severe but judicious sum-

ming up comes from Garry Wills's Nixon Agonistes (1970): After the war he gave up poker entirely. It had served its purpose. The essential Nixon traits are all here. Nixon traits are all here. First, the justification. "He needed the money." To some men it would seem wrong to be playing for anything but amusement—or at least to be playing without amusement. But for Nixon, the "self-improving" note is a moral necessity. And if you are going to do crything at all, you should make it useful; the Devil's playground can become the saint's joyless field of exercise. It helps, watching Nixon's "ruthless" singlemindedness when bigger pots have been at stake, to pots have been at stake, to remember those poker days.

Or to bring the scene more up to date, to his resignation as President in 1974, Nixon should have remembered the principles he used to uphold: never to stay in the pot unless he had everyone beaten before the draw, never to raise unless convinced he had the best

obvious sense, the biggest bluff that Nixon ever ran, the basis of which was that if the full weight and prestige of the Presidency were committed to the cover-up, Congress would

not "see".

The reason this strategy did not succeed was not that the bluff itself was entirely misconceived; after all the White House had the immense advantage of running the game, so to speak, and of exercising its control over the principal players. The bluff failed in the end because the hands were recorded in the form of tapes. recorded in the form of tapes. That was why the cover-up was ultimately exposed. If the tapes had been destroyed instead of being doctored, the probability is that Congress would not have nerved itself to bring in a Bill of Impeachment and Richard Nixon's greatest bluff would have "held"—" succeeded" is not quite the right word because the game by that time was out of the President's own control. control.

President Kennedy did not

play poker, so far as close friends like David Ormsby-Gore, British Ambassador in Washing-ton at the time, can recall. But ton at the time, can recall. But there was one episode—if such a cataclysmic chain of events as the Cuban missile crisis of October 1962 can be described as a mere episode—that did reveal certain qualities of judgment in the President which make one think he would have had a real talent for the game, and which vividly illustrates the and which vividly illustrates the parallel between poker and diplomacy. There is no com-parison to be made, of course, on this field is somewhat exaggerated," he declared. "I was fairly successful playing poker overseas. During the lull in the bombardments, when we didn't a national scale. It was, in anbut the technique of negotia-

tions because it employed skills akin to poker, is instructive. Khrushchev based his action placing nuclear missile sites in Cuba, on a misreading of Presicuba, on a misreading of President Kennedy's character from the previous "game". At their summit meeting in Vienna, Khrushchev formed the conclusion that Kennedy was so young and inexperienced that he was not a man to be taken seriously. (Was it Mort Sahl who characterized the occasion by Kennedy

(Was it Mort Sahl who characterized the occasion by Kennedy asking Khrushchev, "Can I have the keys to the car, Dad?".)

Khrushchev's motives in constructing missile sites in Cuba may or may not have been justified politically by fraternal' support for a small country threatened by a capitalist superpower; what is clear is that his power; what is clear is that his confidence that he could deceive the Americans about his purpose, and then get away with it once they found out, was founded on his "winning" the Vienna summit in terms of prestige and authority. The effect of putting missile sites 90 miles off the coast of Florida was, like a sudden wild raise, to upset totally the nuclear balance of power. It was a mis-reading of the super-power game as well as a miscalculation of Kennedy's character.

According to Nixon & Six Crises (1962): "There is no doubt but that Khrushchev would have been a superb poker player. First, he is out to win. Second, like any good poker player, he plans ahead so that he can win the big pots. He likes to bluff, but he knows that if you bluff on small pots and fail consistently to produce the cards, you must

expect your opponent to call your bluff on the big pots."

Nixon was arguing that this was why "the two small islands of Quemoy and Massu, and all the other many and massu, and all the other peripheral areas", were so important "in the poker game of world poli-tics. It seems a fair reading of Khrushchev's approach in October 1962 that he believed

he had won the previous pots. When the American U-2 reconnaissance planes spotted the missile sites, it was obvious to Kennedy that the United States could not tolerate such a transformation in the East-West balance. The new situa-tion would put America in a position of severe disadvantage at the diplomatic level and at the diplomatic level and threatened, quite literally, to wipe its cities our of existence. The question was: How to react? It would have been easy to "win", as Kennedy's chiefs of staff urged, by striking immediately at the missile sites. But the risk was that an act of such violence mishe trip. act of such violence might trigger off retaliation, in Berlin or elsewhere, which would not merely put the alliance at risk but have incal-culable consequences for the peace of the whole world—in any other tactic could be found, the President (as a prudent player) wanted to guard the national interest in a way that would prevent the superpower balance from being shattered. The top brass could not see that the game as a whole was far more important than the hand itself, or, rather, that how the hand was won

was what mattered.

As it happens, I have played in a few good games in Washington with one of the generals who had the wisdom to coursel a graduated response to the crisis, General David Shoup, Commandant of the Marine Corps at that time. Eventually, according to David Halberstam's history of the Vietnam entanglement, The Best and the Brightest (1972), Shoup became Kennedy's favourite general.

Shoup was opposed to the invasion of Cuba, and would do a remarkable display with maps when the subject came up. First he took an overlay of Cuba and placed it over the map of the placed it over the map of the United States. To everybody's surprise, Cuba was not a small island along the lines of, say, Long Island at best. It was about 200 miles Island at best. Long Island at best. It was about 800 miles long and seemed to stretch from New York to Chicago. Then he rook another overlay, with a red dot, and placed it over the map of Cuba. "What's that?" someone asked him. "That, gentlemen, represents the size of the island of Tarawa", said Shoup, who had won a Medal of Honour there, "and it took us three days and eighteen thousand Marines to take it."

From the outset, Shoup had

From the outset, Shoup had no doubt that bombing the missile sites would be a great mistake. The way he put it to me (with no suggestion on my part of any parallel with poker) was revealing. "The Russians were bluffing. They didn't want a world war over Cuba. We had all the cards in our hand (in terms of miscile carees)." (in terms of missile capacity); there was no way they could win. Of course you might say the United States was bluffing too, because we didn't want a world war either. But we were bluffing with the best hand." Kennedy's immediate need, therefore, was to devise a (in terms of missile capacity);

Kennedy's immediate need, therefore, was to devise a response that would allow Khrushchev to back off honourably, to fold his hand with dignity. It was not a matter of Kennedy's "winning" but of Khrushchev's not "losing". Hence the idea of the blockade, or a suggesting favoured by or a quarantine, favoured by Robert McNamara. Secretary of Robert McNamara. Secretary of Defence, and George Ball, Under Secretary of State. to prevent Russian ships from ferrying nuclear warheads or other material to Cuba.

In this opening phase of the crisis, Kennedy needed time to evaluate the situation in case the photographic evidence of missile sites was somehow mistaken or in case Khrushchev was bluffing, and time to

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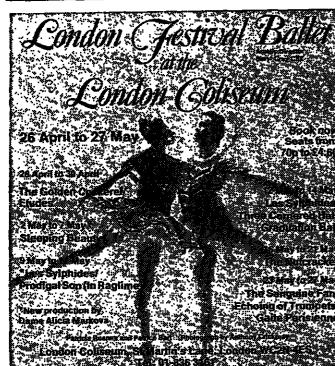
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BBC 1

9.00 am, Chigley. 9.15, These are the Days. 9.35, Robinson Crusoe.* 10.00, Arlott and Trueman on Cricket. 10.25, Zorro.* 10.50, Film: Cricket. 10.25, Zorro.* 10.50, Film: It Ain't Hay (1943) with Abbott and Costello.* 12.05 pm, Just for Fun, a Mack Sement comedy.* 12.30, Grandstand. 12.35, Football Focus. 1.00, 2.35, Boxing from this week's Albert Hall promotion. 1.20, Motor cycling. John Player Transaflaonic Trophy. 1.50, 2.20, 2.50, 3.20, Racing from Newbury. 2.05, Ice Hockey, Quarter Finals of the Stanley Cup. 3.45, Rugby, Featherstone Rovers v. Wigan. 4.35, Final Score. 5.05, Bugs Burny. 5.15, Pink Panther. 5.35 News. 5.50, Rolf on Satur-

Sureny. 5.15, Pitter Fauture. 5.35 News. 5.50, Rolf on Satur-day—OK? 6.20 Film: A Man Could Get Killed (1966) with James Garner, Melina Mercouri, Sandra Dee, Tony Fran-

7.55 Val Doonican Music Show. 8.40 Kojak. News, 10.20, Match of the

11.20 Saturday Night at the Mill. 12.10 Weather. * Black and white.

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BBC WALES—8.50-9.15 am, Telliflent.
SCOTLAND—4.55-5.05 pm, Scoreboard, 5.45-5.50, Scoreboard, 10.20,
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pm, Scoreboard, 5.45-5.50, Northern
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9.00 am, Yoga. 8.25, Sesame Street, 10.15, Look and Sec. 10.20, Barnan, 11.05, Baldmoney, 11.40, The Court of Monte Cristo. 12.30 pm, London, 5.15, Mappet, 5.45, Backs to the Land, 6.15, The Invested P. 7.5, ATV, 8.00, London, 11.30, ATV, 11.55, Faith for Life.

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9.00 am, Yoga (r). 9.25. Manfred (r). 0.40, The Yellow Bouss (r). 10.10, 1/10s. The Saboteus—Code Name Mortiud. with Marion Brando, Yul Bryaner. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Mugoot 15.5, 45, Spencer's Piots. 8.45, ATV. 8.00, London. 11.30. The Company Med. 12.30 am, At the End of the Day. Yorkshire

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BBC 2

9.00 am, Yoga (r). 9.25, Saturday Scene. 9.30, Cartoons. 9.55, Castaway (r). 10.25, Junior Police 5. 10.35, Clapperboard (r). 11.00, Clue Club. 11.30, Space 1999 (r). 12.30 pm, World of Sport. 12.35, On the Bail. 1.00, Motor Rallying, Silver Jubilee Safari. 1.10, News. 1.20, The ITV Six. 1.30, Beverley. 1.45, Ayr. 2.30, Beverley. 2.15, Ayr. 2.30, Beverley. 2.55, Ayr. 3.10, Gymnastics. Moscow News Tournament. 3.50, Half-time Soccer Round-up. 4.00, Wrestling. 4.50, Results Service. 7.40 am, Open University: Maths; 8.05, Mugging; 8.30, Measurement; 8.55, Water for Oxford; 9.20, Finite State Machines; 9.45; Engineering Mechanics, 10.10, British Rail Systems, 10.38, Maths; 11.00, The Nature of Chemistry; 11.25, Exploring Frequency Space; 11.50, Chemistry of Carbon Compounds; 12.15 pm, Handicapped in the Community; 12.40, Two Yorkshire Families; 1.05, Maths; 1.30-1.55, Microeconomics, 3.00-4.55, Film: The Winslow Boy (1948), with Robert Donat, Cedric Hardwicke, Margaret Leighton.* Margaret Leighton.*

7.25 News. 7.49 Network. From BBC North:

The Man in the Iron Lang. 8.10 Don't Quote Me. 8.40 The Lively Arts-in Performance: Leonard Bernstein

at the English Bach Festival. 9.40 Wodehouse Playhouse. John Alderton, Pauline 11.30 The Collaborators (r). Collins: A Voice from the 12.30 A Cockney Broadside.

Past. 10.16 Uncle Sam Meets the Red Dragon: Barbershop har- ATV mony singing.

10.55 The Traditional World of 11.25 News. 11.30-12.50 am. Film: The Small

Voice (1948), with Valerie Hobson, James Donald,

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Gershwin plays Gershwin. 1 7.05, Personal View, by Douglas Johnson.
7.30. Holst and a Shostakovich Prenaire, part 1: Helst, 8.25, T. S. Eliot: A friendship, talk by E. W. F. Tomlin.
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Literature of the Air

Radio

"If there were not radio, I don't know that I would find any form to express myself in ". This remark was made by Don Haworth in the course of a characteristically individual individual contribution to Ian Rodger's examination of radio writing The Secret Workshop (Radio 3, April 7) and of course it represents an extreme position on the radiowriter's spectrum: at the other end would be someone like James Hanley who in the same programme des-cribed how he had turned his hand to pretty well every medium in the writer's cata-logue, regarding such versa-tility as something only to be expected in anybody calling expected in anybody calling when what it conveys is so himself a writer. Most of us much part and parcel of the probably fall between these two, but Don Haworth, winner be said to go for stage plays, of the drama prize in the first yet oddly it is exiter to re-Imperial Tobacco/Radiowriters Awards for Radio, is a man to be noticed when it comes to writing plays for sound and in what he said there must be a large grain of truth. There are things around which only radio can really get its tongue (the Lizard, for example, in The Streets of Pompeii) and if such are the things you want to say, then it is radio or nothing. As it happened the date of Mr Rodger's interesting programme also saw the finish of another event in which he has emerge. been deeply concerned; this was the first ever Radio Literature Conference held in the University of Durham with the enthusiastic cooperation of its Department of English and the active participation of some 130 people, most of them acade-mics and/or radio men and mics and/or radio men and women from different countries of the world—Switzerland, Canada, Yugoslavia and, of course, Germany whose representatives as ever left us slightly sandbagged by the comprehensiveness of their information even on the subject of the REC. Mr Rodger has written

BBC. Mr Rodger has written about this enterprise and what led up to it elsewhere, but briefly it came into being out of a sense of dissatisfaction at the discrepancy between the quantity and quality of writing for radio and the extent to which this Literature of Radio is—or rather is not—studied as a part of modern English litera-

ture. Everybody asks of any conference (usually within the first hour): "Is this a success?" and the answer is invariably a curate's egg: good in parts. With a subject that has never been conferred about before, the same applies but more so, since no one can be quite sure what its boundaries will turn out to be. What is radio literature? Is it plays and features? Certainly, and these received the bulk of critical attention. Is it talks? Presumably, but they weren't on the bill of fare, though Shaw, Beerbohm, Priestley were distinguished contributors and one might even want to include A. J. Alan as a social phenomenon of the prewar days. Is radio literature also the vast store of written archives housed at Caversham?

Kavanagh, set out to persuade us that it is and quoted from larly fascinating was a very early reader's report on Wait-ing for Godor which he saw as someohing very much akin to radio comedy then at its peak, a kind of Goon Show on the state of man. We laughed, but I am told that Beckett himself

saw Chaplin and Buster Keaton as naturals for the tramps. Does radio literature embrace sound poetry? Or is that idea a contradiction in terms? Prob-ably and it raises another consideration, for it is a question how far a radio script can be said to exist in its own right create a stage script in the head than it is a script for radio and this despite the almost total dependence of the latter on the basic element of any literature: words. Perhaps the limitations of time and place from which the living theatre can never quite escape make its texts that much easier to visualize. A cadio soriet has no such bounds and is moreover often like a form of short-hand, a notation needing to be played before its sense will

All this suggests that the study of radio literature must always be incomplete without reference to performance. Again this goes for stage as well, but most students can expect to see performances of some at least of the texts they have to study. With radio, un-less a repeat turns up, there will be no opportunity to hear the sound and sense of what you read. The sad thing is that while performances exist, they might as well not do so for they are locked away in Broad-casting House where, in view of problems over copyright and union negotiations, they are likely to remain.

What is the solution to this situation? Perhaps a tiny step towards one lies in the work of the University of London Audio-Visual Centre whose excellent productions of Beckett's Embers and Words and Music were to be heard in Durham-making, incidentally, the point that what radio writers also lack is alternative interpreta-tions of their work. But what else could be done? The future offers various possibili-ties: an Open Channel, a Local Radio Authority; here and now we have the increasing availability of good facilities for recording and of cassettes for distribution. Is it on the cards that some amalgam of these and other factors will bring the literature of radio out of its dumb imprisonment? Not to mention offering its writers more than the one existing market for their wares? As the contributors to Ian Rodger's programme made apparent, the debt of writers to the BBC (and vice versa, let it be said) is

immeasurable; nevertheless yesterday's road to freedom can turn into today's confinement. David Wade Sunday

An interesting theatrical evening with the world premiere of two short. Samuel Beckett plays, starring Billie Whitelaw, in The Lively Arts (BBC2 9.0), sensitive actress Judy Geeson as a pregnant barmaid in She (ITV 10.0) and the evergreen Jessie Matthews in Jubilee (BBC1 7.15) about some 1950s spies. André Previn Meets . . . (BBC1 10.55)

BBCI

9.00 am, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan.
9.30, Barnaby. 9.45, Contact. 10.10,
Conversationi. 10.38, The Role of
the Nurse. 11.00, Sunday Worship
from Buistol. 11.45, The Health
Show. 12.10 pm, Having a Baby.
12.35, The 60 70 80 Show. 1.00,
Familing. 1.25, Other People's
Children. 1.40, On the Move. 1.50,
News Headlines. 1.55, Film: The
Happiest Days of Your Life (1950),
with Margaret Rutherford, Alastair
Sim. 3.15, Bugs Bunny. 3.30, Grand
Sham. 4.20, Man and Boy. 4.45,
The High Chaparral.
5.35 News. 5.35 News.

5.45 Nicholas Nickleby. 6.40 Songs of Praise. 7.15 Jubilee: Namy's Boy, by David Ambrose, with John Standing, Anthony Bate, Jill Dixon, Jessie Matthews.

8.05 The Good Life. 8.35 Roots.

10.55 André Previn Meets : Julie Andrews and Mia Farrow.

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Radio 1 6.55 am, New Day, 7.00. Peyer, 7.03, Reninald Dixon, 1 8.00. Prygraund, 2.32, Ed Stewart. 10.60. Sinon Bake, 1.00 pm, Jimmy St. Ir. 3.00, Paul Gambaccal, 5.15, Chu Kid 77, 6.00. Tom Browne. 7.02, January Edwards, 7.30, Giamorous Nights. 8.30, Sunday Half-Hour. 9.02, Beat Tuncs, 7 10.02, Sports Best, 10.05, Smilly Sentimental. 11.02, Jazz. 12.31-12.23 sm, News.

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8.53 am. Radio 1. 8.03, Ray Moore. † 8.53, Riedio 1. 70.02, Dovid Jacks. † 11.30, People's Service. 12.02 pm. Family Favouries. 2.02, Windson Davies. † 2.30, Full Landing Ladics. Vantus Ladics. Vantus Ladics. Vantus Ladics. Vantus Ladics. Physics. 13.30, Hubert Green. 4.03, Chartie Chester. † 8.50, Nox. Move. 8.00, As Radio 1. 7.02, Sport (1500m) 7.30-12.33 am. Radio 1.

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7.15 Emergency. 8.10 Film: Embassy (1972), with Richard Roundtree, Chuck

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his wife Mia Farrow and Julie Andrews for a chat.—T.S.

10.05 News.

10.15 Everyman: The Lord's my Shepherd and He Knows I'm Gay. Report on homo-

11.25 The People's Echo. 11.50 Weather.

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9.40 am, The Land, 10.00, ATV.
11.25, Carleon, 11.30. The Benchcambers 12.00 ATV. 1.10 pm, The
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London Weekend

9.30 am, Catch '77. 10.00, Moroing Worship from the Parish Church of St Anthony and Our Lady of Mercy, Hull, 11.00, The Beach-combers (r). 11.30, Toolkit. 12.00, Weekend World. 1.10 pm. Cartoon. 11.15, Tomfoolery (r). 1.45, The Protectors (r). 2.15, The Big Match. 3.15, Film: Mark of the Phoemix (1957), with Julia Arnall, Sheldon Lawrence. Anton Diffring.* 4.25, Edward the Seventing.* 4.25, Louis Sunday Quiz. 5.45, Just Wilkiam.
6.15 News.
6.25 God, Our Help.
6.50 Hyma for the Jubilee.
7.15 Emergency. 7.40 am, Open University: The Innocent Eye. 8.05, Ions in Solution. 8.30, Foundation Maths. 8.55, Semiconductors. 9.20, The Sense Organs. 9.45, Computers. 10.10, Looking at Napoleon. 10.35, Josh's File. 11.00, Television and Polisics—America (3). 11.25, Cadences. 11.50, Cloister to Cloister: 1.12.15, Problems of Poliution. 12.40, The Balby Street Kids. 1.05, Modelling by Mathematics. 1.30-1.55, Science and Belief. 5.40 pm, Rugby. John Player Cup Final:

pm, Rugby. John Player Cup Final: Gosforin v Waterloo. 6.40 News Review. 7.15 Ttle World About Us. The Romance of Indian Rail-

ways. 8.05 Esther Waters. 8.55 News.
9.00 The Lively Arts. A Semuel Beckett premiere: a portrait of the writer and performance of Shades.

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9.45 News.
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10.00 Play: She, with Judy Geeson, Norman Bird.
10.55 London Programme.
11.55 A Cockney Broadside.

mance of Shades.

10.00-11.45. Film. Medium Cool, (1969), with Robert Forster, Verna Bloom. Tyne Tees

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9.00 am. Caich '77. 9.30, Toold.

10.00, ATV. 11.00. The New Gardener.

11.25, Where the Jobs Are. 11.30.

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Survival. 4.25, London. 7.15, Celebrity

Squares. 8.00, Firm: Mariows. with

James Garrier. Gayle Hunnirutt. 9.45.

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Streets of San Francisco. 12.10 am.

Epilogue.

Scottish

11.00 am. ATV. 11.30. Toolkit, 12.00. ATV, 1.10 pm, University Challenge, 1.40. Carloon, 1.45. Horses in Our Blood, 2.15. London, 3.15. Film: The Hyling Deuces, with Laurel and Hardy, 4.25. London 8.10. Film: Key Work, will Stevhen Beyd, 1 and Rainey. Tiffany Bolling, Sherre North, 8.45. London, 11.00. Soorts Resurs, 11.65. The White Line, 11.25-12.US sm. The livening.

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and strings, Op. 31 SCHUBERT : Mass in G, D.167

BRITTEN: St. Nicholas: Cantata Op.42

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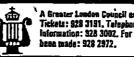
Dowlais Male Voice Choir sing for the Cathedral Appeal on Saturday 23 April 1977, at 7.30 p.m. Programme consists of works by: MCZART, VICTORIA, BERKELEY, SULLIVAN, MATHIAS, and PROTHEROE and includes traditional Welsh songs for male voice choir and solo organ works by BACH and MESSIAEN.

ission by programme; £4, £3, £1, (reductions for ies, O.A.P.s and children) available from 42 Francis St., ion SWIP 1QW or at the door on the evening. Appeal concert: Tallis Scholare, 21 May, at 8.00 p.m.

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ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

Today 16 sprif 8 p.m.	THE SPINNERS IN CONCERT Thay Davis, Mick Graves, CRP Hall, Hugh Jones. (ALL SEATS SOLD) Spinners Folksong Litt
Sunday 17 April 3.15 p.m.	HERTS COUNTY YOUTH ORICHASTRA Youth and Schools Chott Legenard Nation. *John Wostcombe Legendriches Margare Cable (nazzo-app). Brias Raymor Cook (bar) Stessakovic Fedilyal Overture: *Vaughan Williams Five Tidor Portuit Tchalkovsky Symphony No. 5, 22,00, £1,50, £1,00, 75p. Friends Other County Youth Orch.
Sunday 17 April 7.30 p.m.	In the presence of H.R.H. Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucoste LONDON SYMPHOMY ORCHESTRA André Provin, Janes Baker, in honour of Queen's Silver Jubilee, McCabe Jubilee Prelude 11, part. J. British Sinfonia da Requiem; Dupare Songs; Shostahovici Symphomy No. 5. £1.00, £3.00, £3.00, £1.00
Monday 18 April 8 p.m.	ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA Rudolf Barshai (cond.) Walte Kilan (piana) Muzart Symphoty in D after the Hailber Servante K.350 i K.248bi; Plano Concerto No. 27 in B ilat. K. 550, Symphony No. 40 in G mmor, K.550, E3.50, E3.00, E3.50, E1.00, E1.00 Victor Hophayson Ltd. 53.50, E3.00, E3.50, E3.00, E1.00 Victor Hophayson Ltd.
Tuesday 19 April 8 p.m.	LONDON PHILLARMONIC ORCHESTRA Seedleves Symphony No. 8 in F. Saint-Saènas Cello Concerto No. 1 in A minor: Strauss Don Outsolo. Priesse note change of conductor 25.50, 23.00, 21.50, 22.00, (ALL OTHERS SOLD). LPO Let
Wednesday 20 April 8 p.m.	BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA John Ellet Gardiner (conductor) Fedicity Palmer (concern) Black Symphony in C; Berlier La mori de Cienpaire; Rava Shighdramde; Messerysty/Ravel Pictures at an Exhibition. E3.50, 23.00, 62.50, 23.00, 21.50, 21.00 BBC
Thursday 21 April 8 p.m.	MATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF GREAT BRITAIN Plarve Bouley (conductor, Italiak Periman (violin) Barrok Music for strings, percusion and celests; Bory Violin Concerte; Stravinsky The Rife of Spring, Bory Violin Concerte; Stravinsky The Rife of Spring, Bors Violin Concerte; Stravinsky The Rife of Spring
Friday 22 April 8 p.m.	LONDON PHILIARMONIC ORCHESTRA Jenes For State Victin 1 Sheline Karsile Suite: Victin Cencerto in D minor Shestakevick Symphony No. 1 in F minor. 1917ase note change of conductor and programme). 25.50, 25.00, 25.50, 12.00, 21.50, 12.00 LPQ Ltd.
Sunday 24 April 7-30 p.m.	NEW PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA New Philharmonia Chorus Smoo Rattle (conductor) Cristina Orik (plano) Ravel Daphanis and Chios, Saike No. 2: Chopin Plano Concerto No. 2 in F minor, Op. 21; Heist Sulto, The Planots. US.50, 23.00, ES.50, 22.00, ES.50, ES.00
Tuesday 26 April 8 p.m.	NEW PHILIPARMONIA ORCHESTRA Jesus Lopez-Cobes (conductor) Silvia Marcovici (vicilin) Sebassy Préludo à l'après midi d'ur aune; Sibelas Symphony No. 6 in D minor. Op. 104; Brahmi Violin Concerto in D. Op. 77 Violin Concerto in D. 09, 77 Violin Concerto in D. 09, 77 NPO Ltd.
Wadnosday 27 April 8 p.m.	LONDON MOZART PLAYERS Harry Blech (cond.) Tamás Vasary (plano) Hayers Symphony No. 101 in D (clock) Mozzer Plant Concerto No. 22 in E fai, R. 482; Massonic Funcai Music, K. 477 Symphony No. 54 in C, K. 358. 13.60, \$2.20, \$2.30, \$1.30, \$1.20, 90p Haydn-Mozart Society
Thursday 28 April 8 p.m.	LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA Bernard Haltink (cond) Maurizio Pellini (plano) Mayer Concerto for the Instruments of at Orchestra: Megdelstebas Symphony No. 3 in A. (Ialian); Beschover Plano Concerto No. 5 in E flat. Op. 75 (Emperor). 23.50, 23.00, 25.00, 1.PO Ltd. (ALL OTHERS SOLD).
Friday 29 April 8 p.m.	COLLEGIUM AUREUM Franziesef Maler (director/violin) Annor Bylama (collo) Paul Badara-Skoda (forte-riono) Beathoun Trigle Concerso for plano, violin cello. Op. 56: Symphony No. 5 in Op. 65 (Erock), 25.50, 25.00, 22.00, 21.00, 21.00, 21.00, 21.00, English Bach Festival Trust.

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Today 16 April 7.45 p.m.	MONTEVERDI CHOIR Members of the Monteverdi Orchestra John Ellot Gardiner (Cond.). Charles Brett, Brien Burrows, Richard Morton, Richard Jackson, Szephen Vercee (soloisis). Schütz Resurraction Oratorio: Bach Jeed Meine Froude. 52.00, 51.75, 21.45, 90p, 60p
Spriday 17 April 3 p.m.	MILOSZ MAGIN Plano Recital Chopin Barcarolle in F sharp, Op. 60: Three Mazurkas: Ballade No. 4 in F minor; Waltz in C sharp minor: Potonaise in A flat, Op. 53: Magin Images d'Enfants; Sonate pour plano. Baymond Gubbar.
Sunday 17 April 1.15 p.m.	DOROTHY TUTIN, MARIAN MONTCOMERY, MARY THOMAS. Nash Ensomble, Lionel Friend (COLD.), Maxwell Daylas Fiddlers at the Wedding: Dankworth/Holloway Jazz 3rr. of poems by Bottemann, Strakespeare, Donne, A. A. Milmo etc: Crosse World Within (Text: Emily Brontle) (1st perf.) \$2.00, £1.50, £1.25, 80p Amelia Preedman
Monday 18 April 7.45 p.m.	TURIBIO SANTOS Guilar Recitzi A programme of Spanish & Brazilian music by Sor, Albéniz, Granados, Villa-Labds, Falla. El. 65, El. 35, El. 15, 95p, 75p Halen Jennings Concert Agency
Tuesday 19 April 7.45 p.m.	Boethoven Curriot in E fail, Op. 127; Boethoven Quarriot in E fail, Op. 127; Quartet in F. Op. 59 No. 1 (Riramovsky). \$2.50, \$2.10, \$2.10, \$4.80, \$51,40 (colur). Tobs & Tillett
Wednesday 20 April 7.45 p.m.	ORCHESTRE MOZART DE LA VILLE DE BRUXELLES Guy Barbler (Cond.). Walter Bouykeas (claripet). Mozart Symphony No. 33 in B Rat, K.319; Clarinot Concerto in A, K.622; Sinfonta Concertante in E (lat, K.297b. R3.00. 21.56. E1.00. 80p, 50p Basil Douglos Ltd.
Thursday 21 April 7.45 p.m.	PETER KATIN Plano Recital Schubert Four impromptus, D.899; Beethoven Sonata in C minor. Op 13 Pathétique; Katin Nocturn (16t Brit peri ; Debussy Sulie Borgamasque; Chepia Polonaise in F aharp minor Op. 44.
Friday 22 April 7.45 p.m.	GERAINT JONES ORCHESTRA Gereist Jones 'cond.: hpchd.). W. Roberts (violin) N. Black (obor). Bach Violin Concerto in A minor: Concerto in D minor: Harpsicherd Concerto No 1 in D minor. Works by Vivalid and Marcello. 52.00
Saturday 23 April 7.45 p.m.	HANDEL AND THE CHAPEL ROYAL in honour of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Handel Opera Chores & Orchestra. Charles Farncombe icondi C. Brett, P. Jeffes, J. Dodgson. Deltingen Anthem. Te Deum in A. Lei God Arise. Zadok the Priest. 22.00, 21,75, 21.45, 90p. 60p Handel Opera Society
Sunday 24 April 3 p.m.	PASCAL ROGE South Bank Plano Recital Series. Schubert Two Impromptus from D.955: Sanata in G. D.894. Lizzi Sonetto del Petrarca: Nos. 47. 104; Sonata in B minor: 51.60. 21.40. 21.20. 95p. 75o Harrison/Parott Lid.
Monday 25 April 7.45 p.m.	PAUL TORTELIER (cello) WILLEM HIELKEMA (plano) YAK PASCAL TORYELIER (violin), Brabens Sonata in F. Op. 99: Franck Sonata in A: Backhoven Plano Trio in B flat (Archdoke). \$5.00, \$2.50, \$2.00 (only): in aid of Malcolm Sargent Camer Fund. (Please note change of artist)
Toesday 26 April 7.45 p.m.	MEDICI STRING QUARTET Cristina Ortiz (plano) Mazari String Quartet No. 4 in B flat (Hunt); Franck Quintet in P minor: Smetana String Quartet No. 1 in E minor (From My Life). 21.80, £1.60, £1.20, 80p Yorkshire Arts Association
Wednesday 27 April 7.45 p.m.	PHILOMUSICA George Maicolm (dir). Pini Bowman Bennett Pugh C P E Bach Finite Concerto in D minor: Vivaldi Stabel Mater. Bach Concerto id A minor BWV 10141; Vivaldi Violin Concerto La Cetra :: Bach Concerto G. BWV 1061. 22.00. 21.75, 21.50. 21.25. 75p Conchord
Thursday 28 April 7.45 p.m.	ROSTAL AND SCHAEFER (two planes) Programme includes selections from The Martiage of Figaro; Gilbert and Sulivan. The King and J. Jeens Christ Superstar, West Side Story, Widor Toccata. Scott Jopin etc.
Friday 29 April 7.45 p.m.	NORTHERN SINFONIA Jean-Bernerd Pomesier (pianist conductor) Mozert Symphony No. 29 in A. K.201: Martin Bailade: Mendelssohn Plano Concento No. 1 in G minor. Op. 35: Faure Bailade: Hayda Symphony No. 99 in E flat. 23.00. £1.50, £1.20, 90p, 50p Northern Sinfonia Concert Soc.

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17 April 7 p.m.	flat: Bach Cantalas: Non sa che sta dolore; Ich habe gmus; Scarlatil Su le Sponde del Tehro £1.50, £1.20, 90p. 60p Yorkshire Arts Association
Monday 18 April 8 p.m.	RAPHAEL WALLFISCH (collo) Richard Markham (piano) 86: hoven Sorada in G minor, Op. 5 No. 2: rousenc condia (1948); Leighton Paritia. Op. 35; Cheoin Grand Duc Concertant £1.00. 75p. 80p
Tuesday 19 April 7.30 p.m.	CSABA ERDELYI (viola) Roger Vignoles (plano) Hummel Sonata in E fist; Weber Andante and Rondo Humberese; Hindemith Sonata Op. 11 No. 4; Back Chromatic Fantasia and Fugue; Enosco Concert Piece; Bartok Rhapsody No. 1. 21.50, 21.30, 80p Foss-Siasborg Associates
Wednesday 20 April 7.30 p.m.	MARGARET FIELD (sopreno) PHILLIP LANGSHAW (bass) Devid Militer (plano) Wolf Songs from the Spanisches Liederfruch £1.50, £1.20, 80p Australian Musical Association
Thursday 21 April 3 p.m.	HOLIDAY CONCERT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE The Musical Monster with Rodnuy Stations (double bass), Clifford Les (plano). Programme includes examples from works by Rossial, Giovannino, Lutyens, Koyper and Bottasial. 21.10. 90p. 70p Ernes, Read Music Association
Thursday 21 April 7.30 p.m.	Westmorland Concert COULL STRING QUARTET Tippert String Quartet No. 2 in F sharp; British String Quartet No. 2 in C, Op. 36; Walton String Quartet in A minor. E1.00, 75p, 50p Royal Academy of Music
Friday 22 April 7.30 p.m.	THE PIANO PLAYS Great Romantic Virtuosi Sidney Harrison compares Dohnany, Levisiai, Moissiwiisch, Paderwaki and Siner playing music by Chepia, Liezt, Schubert and others. Estonia "Ampico" and Steinway "Welle" planos. Player Piano Group (ONLY/





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Watch on the Rhineland

Wuppertal Dance Theatre is not exactly over-respectful to its musical inspiration. The work musual frustrations of the war-carries a subtitle "On listening to a tape recording of Béla Bartôk's opera Duke Bluebeard's thanks to cunningly hidden thanks to cunningly h Castle" but I have also heard it referred to as Bluebeard's Last Tape, which gives a good idea of the starting point.

The scene is an empty room in a damp, crumbling house. At the back, the plasterwork of the wall is marked where a sink seems to have been ripped out. Dead leaves have piled against the window to well over a man's height, cutting out most of the sunlight. More of those leaves have seeped into the room and lie all over the bare floor. The only furniture is a trolley with a tape deck built into it and a chair on which a man sits huddled in his overcoat.

He starts the tape and you become aware that a woman is lying motionless on the floor, as if in death or sleep. Repeatedly he goes to her, hurls himself down to embrace her, then rushes back to stop, rewind and restart the tape. Over mi heard as he endeavours to stir some response from the body he must have loved.

Other figures appear as if materializing from his memory or imagination. By their dress they can be recognized as younger versions of the same couple. They are also recruits to a war in which the women's battlecry is "Ich liebe dich!" and the men's reply a simple repeated "Ich!", the apparently generous but emotionally

It has to be admitted that Pina demanding declaration of love Cologne, the resident Dance Bausch's Bluebeard for the confronted with the absolute Forum Company also has an Wunpertal Dance Theatre is not statement of egotism. Wuppertal Dance Theatre is not statement of egotism.

That war is fought in visual

> Borzik's realistic setting, the whole cast literally goes up the wall. But there is wry comedy
> too, as when Bluebeard's
> armoury is symbolized by a
> row of muscle-flexing men in
> swimming briefs.
> With repetitions and interruptions, the music is stretched

to about twice its normal length, so that the ballet lasts two hours with no interval. Throughout that time, Eausch holds the tension with a mixture of dance, realistic move-ment, acrobatic falls or swings, and strikingly coined move-ment images. Bluebeard is not an easy work to watch, but it rivets the eye and the imagin-ation with its anatomy of a doomed relationship between the man who wants trust and the woman who demands knowledge. Bausch's company of com-

mitted dance-actors never miss a point. Jean Mindo's sad countenance and strong pre-sence make him an ideal choice for the title part. The role of Judith was created on Marlis Alt, whom I much admired in Bausch's new Brecht-Weill ballet earlier in the season. She was ill when I saw Bluebeard but Colleen Finneran, taking

over at short notice, gave the part a devoted persistence.

The whole North Rhineland seems to be bursting with dance theatre at the moment. At falls in a tragic accident. The

lar is a name to note. In Rouge et Noir, she uses a situation and style taken directly from Kurt Jooss's work of the Thirties, but with remarkable freshness and

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she seems simply to be reclining against the back of the sofa like against the back of the sofa like a staruette from the Twenties; only when she begins to move do you see that the cover of the sofa is the train of her skirt, so that she is inescapably bound to it. The strenuous and impassioned variety of movement she manages in spite of that restriction is impressive.

Dance Forum's new work is called Waltz Dreams. but in

called Waltz Dreams, but in case that conjures too lighthearted an expectation there is again a subtitle: "Strauss & Strauss . . . when dancing still helped." The waltz king himself is the leading character of the first half, his first en-trance made rushing down a huge curving ramp into Nadine Baylis's skeletal ballroom.

But the triumphant figure, played with exuberant com-mand by Ralf Harster, is accompanied always by the ghostly bats that represent his tortured imagination: a touch of Goya here, as well as Fledermaus. Even at the height of a ball, sorrow strikes when a guest John Percival

second part, with the younger Strauss as its hero, again sets public glory in contrast with private distress, principally in his relationship with his three

Waltz Dreams has a remarkvines breaks has a reliand able score by the 41-year-old Viennese composer Kurt Schwertsik, who has developed his own individual and modern use of tonality. The music is like a contemporary commentation Jooss's work of the Thirties, but with remarkable freshness and musical feeling.

Her Solo with Sofa goes farther back for its inspiration, being pure Art Deco. At first atm, I am told, was to be at the seems simply to be verified. once popular and experimental, and in that they have suc-

Choreographically, the work is uneven. At its best it makes highly imaginative use of social dances and of an individual idiom deriving in about equal quantities from Jooss and Martha Graham. The breathtaking solos for Strauss senior and mournful solo Svenbjörg Alexanders as son's second wife show what he can achieve at different extremes. There are patches where the interest lies more in the concept and production than in the movement itself.

The originality and sheer ambition of the work, with the high degree of success it already of hieves, make me hope that Ulrich and Schwertsik will have an opportunity to develop it further. The idea of a modern-dance work, rather surrealist in structure, that can fill the big stage of the Cologne Opera House and appeal equally to traditional and avant-garde audiences is too good to lose.

Michael Gambon: the wheels going round

In an acting profession where according to Equity figures very nearly 80 per cent of the membership are out of work most of the time, Michael Gambon's career has a quality of almost freakish good luck: in 1962 (at the age of 22) he got his first job with Mac Liammóir at the Gaiety in Dublin, within a year he was a member of the National Theatre company, and for 14 subsequent years he has never had more than a month out of work. Currently he is to be found with Colin Blakely (another National founder-member and also Gambon's partner in a distinguished six-part political ITV series of a few years back called The Challengers) at the head of the cast of the new Alan Ayckbourn Play Just Between Our-selves which reaches the Queen's on April 20 after a

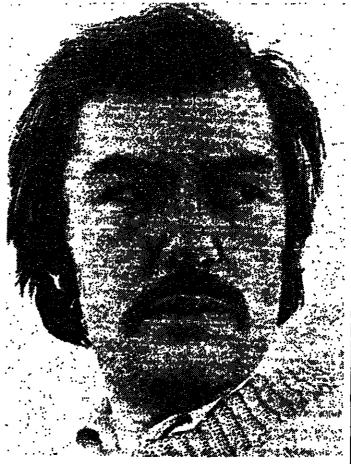
trial formight in Richmond. Ayckbourn, having worked his way through the comic pos-sibilities of almost every room in the average suburban middle-class house, has now reached the garage where much of this play is set: but the new one is not, suggests Gambon, as broadly comic as Bedroom Farce: rather is it in the more reflective mood of Absent Friends. Gambon him-self is of course no stranger to Ayckbourn, having played the semi-detached Tom in Norman Conquests for nearly two years, and having in real life an eccentric but passionate in-terest in collecting hunks of Victorian machinery and stor-ing them in garages—an obsesing them in garages—an obses-sion which would be pure Ayckbourn were it not already

pure Gambon.

He in fact started out as an engineer before deciding that he might be better at the acting: he then wrote to Mac Liammóir announcing totally untruthfully that he'd spent a considerable time in Rep and listing a large number of fictitions engagements. tious engagements.

"At the Gaiety Mac Liam-moir never questioned me about the letter—he must have known most of it was untrue, but he just needed some blokes badly for a tour of Othello; we did one-night stands all over Europe and once I an over Europe and once I complained because there was a hole in my red tights and Mac Liammóir said just paint in the kneecaps to match the colour, so I did. Anew McMaster was supposed to be playing Othello, but he'd just died so they are in an American actor shey got in an American actor called William Marshall and the whole thing was fairly strange: ir was 1960 and felt like 1840."

From there Gambon got himself into the Narional company carrying spears behind Peter Mr Gambon, need one add, O'Toole's inaugural Hamlet and working his way up to being Colin Blakely's Master of people I play: after I saw the Horse in Royal Hunt of Alan Bates in Otherwise



the Sun. Then he noticed that the queue of actors ahead of him for the good parts didn't seem to be genting any shorter, so he left and went to the Birmingham Rep where Peter Dews gave him the Buron Moulder in Peer Gynt and then an early Othello which led to a long television stiot in led to a tong television stint in The Borderers. Then came a brief season with the RSC and a lot more television (including BBC 2's Eyeless in Gaza) before The Norman Conquests and his takeover of the Alan Bates role in Otherwise Engaged, a part he's only just given up: given up:

"I'd never starred on my own in the West End before (in fact the only other plays I'd, done there were Norman Conquests), and suddenly you begin to worry about the box-office and I'm not really sure that's what an actor should be doing. In a way, television is because you seem less responsible for it, somehow, than if you're on the stage and nobody comes. I'm about to do a new situation comedy series for the BBC written by the people who write The Good Life. Richard Briers and I play two ineffectual men who meet on a peckage holiday in Spain,

never feel I look right for the you can touch."

Engaged I manage to be like that, I'm just the wrong shape. Some-how in Ayckbourn I feel more at home; the language looks very easy and ordinary but actually it's tremendously precise and once you've got it right you can sort of lean on the dialogue for support and it sees you safely through to the

Films? "I once played Polish concert planist who turned into a werewold: that's about it. I keep thinking I should do more, exzend my range, all that, but I always think of acting in terms of eventually being rumbled. Luck is just a matter of how far you get before they do in fact rumble you."

Back, then, to the collection

of Victorian machinery: "It's a sort of hobby, I suppose: I went to aeronautical college and things to do with engines have always fascinated me, especially lathes and milling machines. I belong to a sort of society of engineers, and we meet every so often to discuss of Violotian techniques of Victorian machinery and show what we're collecting. I'm the young-est member: the rest are all doctors or solicitors. Actors tend not to understand. But it's not like being in a theatre, you see: machinery is some thing really solid, something

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Jack Bruce Band New Victoria

Clive Bennett

It is unfortunate baying bac to live up to a reputation as one of rock's great innovators. Ten years ago, as the bassist in Cream, Jack Bruce was helping to blaze the trail of progressive pop, but in the time since Clapton and Baker went off to form Blind Faith, Bruce's career has followed an erratic He has been mainly involved

with the jazz end of rhythm and blues; his collaborations include work with John McLaughlin, Larry Corvell and Tony Williams's Lifetime as Tony Williams's Lifetim well as more uneven wen as more uneven and shorter-fived efforts with Carla Bley and Paul Haines. His latest outit is planned as a longer-term project and if last night's concert is a reliable indicator it will need the future to realize its potential.

Their album How's Tricks? provided the backbone for the first hour's entertainment. It is a tight marvellously produced record but last night the songs were given a looser treatment. Bruce says he wants the band to move from song structures to rekited improvizations and for much of the time he allowed his musicians their head. It worked well in the slower, more reflective sections but was less effective in the faster ones.

Tony Hymas, the keyboards player, provided a rich, often quirky harmonic backbone—and antractive composition, Something to Live For—but his virtuoso solos tended towards imitation rether than innova-tion. Clearly though, a classical training has given him a rock-solid technique.

For a band so heavily built around their leader's stylish bass playing there was abundant variety of texture, with Hymas providing a wealth of complementary colours and complementary colours and Simon Philips on drums knifting together a multitude of rhythmic changes.

Sadly, a lamentable sound system mangled most of the songs' lyrics and attenuated almost all the higher frequencies.

But in the second hour mat-ters turned more steadily to jazz - inflected instrumentals. Again it was the lyrical, introspective moments that made most impression rather than the excessively frequent flashy ones. Yet again and again during the two-hour show I thought back to the album. How different is its controlled professionalism from the undisciplined music making presented like. music-making presented last

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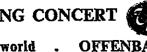
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prepare the American response. It was a brave and imaginative stroke—a bluff of the highest-order—when the President decided to continue to fulfil his routine engagements, including speaking on election platforms in various American cities: Likewise, the press was kept in the dark about the crisis. Panic was avoided; time was gained.

Kennedy also showed excellent judgment in strengthening his hand at home and abroad. In his own circle of aides, his brother Bobby, the Attorney General, laboured night and day to get agreement among the President's advisers, who were divided, so that the policy of blockide could be adopted with everyone in sufficilty morally committed to it, everyone playing the same game. And in the United Nations, the Americans strove hard, and successfully, to entire the support of the Earin-American group, thus giving the blockade at least the form if nor the substance of legality in inter-

national terms.

The American hand was strengthened still further when, Adlai Stevenson, Ambassador at the United Mations, finally produced the photographs of the missile sites. This card was held back and played at just held back and played at just the right moment to have man mum impact in convincing. American alites and world opinion as a whole that the threat was genuine for Russian insistence that only defensive weapons were being deployed in Cuba had undermined inter-

national confidence in America's protests.

What then of Khrusuchev's reaction? The evidence suggests that at first he believed America would "fold" and that his original challenge would not be met. When the United States announced its blockade, 25 Russian merchant vessels en route to Cuba were ordered to continue, and Khrushchev deliberately raised the bet by de-tailing a group of nuclear sub-marines to escort the convoy. Kennedy had matched this with

forces were placed on full alert, and these decisions were made known to the Russians so that Khruslichek could see that, this time, Kennedy was not bluffing. By October 26, the eleventh day of the crisis, Russian reside were approaching the American cordon, which extended a distance of 500 miles from Cuba. The blockade line was far enough our for Washington to choose the time and the place for executing this menoeuvre—like venturing a risky opening bet in a hig hand. In particular, Kennedy wanted to evade, it he possibly could.

e physical confrontation by American Marines firing on or tharding a Russian vessel. This signal have provoked the showdown. The first ship to be inspecied on the high seas was very carefully chosen, a freighter of neutral registry bailing under Soviet charge, not a Russian merchantman.

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When bothey realized at this late stage that Kennedy meant to see it through in the old clicine, the thins were down.

What had statted out on Khrusichet's part as an opportunist move against the linited States had got out of head. The stakes were now fit too high; there was a world to lose and precious little to gain.

Ad the last moment, before

Ad flie last moment, before the two sides physically clashed with the risk of retails out of control, the Russian ships were ordered to change course or turn back

Kennedy's final move in the game was also in character: there was to be no impression given out that America had "won". The game was too big for national victories. As Khrushchev was to say (though his mistaken gamble prepared the way for his own downfall), humanity won.

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major tournaments". When he won first prize in the La Mediterrance International event that ended last Monday at Geneva, I connot deter Olasson from playing gratulated him and said that a 115 move game in the last Monday at Geneva, I connow he had won 31 major round against Liberzon in a events. "No", he replied, "It's still 30. Previously I was counting in the total a tournament in Finland in 1952. But it was a small one and I've substituted the Geneva tournament for the Finnish affair." In fact, the Geneva event was

ments "first prize-winner in 30

a very strong one. It was Category 12. That is to say, the average Eig rating of each competitor was 2.533 which is well above the figure of 2,500 generally regarded as the mininum for a grandmaster. Of the 14 competitors 12

maining two were international masters. These two were respectively, Dzindzichashvili, a Soviet emigré master (now Israeli), with an Elo rating of 2,535, and Hug, a former junior world champion. The determination of the Swiss organizers to round when he lost to Torre did he briefly relinquish the take part. Hug, still a mathematics student at Zurich University and with time only for two tournaments a year, did quite well to score five points in such company. Dandai did green better to be selected to did he briefly relinquish the lead in favour of the young Philippine grandmaster. Then a series of three wins over two tournaments a year, did quite well to score five points in such company. Dandai did green better to be selected to did he briefly relinquish the lead in favour of the young Philippine grandmaster. Then a series of three wins over two tournaments a year, did quite well to score five points in such company. Dandai did green better to be selected to the briefly relinquish the lead in favour of the young Philippine grandmaster. Then a series of three wins over two tournaments a year, did quite well to score five points in such company. Dandai did in such company. Dzindzi did even better and more than achieved the grandmaster norm with seven-and-a-half recipies. with seven and a haif points, win first prize. Torre had the seven being enough in this heart taken out of his play by

more game in the same norm to obtain the title. The point here is that FIDE require that the

ber of the players, Liberzon, Torre, Sosonko, Timman, Andersson and Olafsson, came almost straight from the 16 player Bad Lautenberg tournavain attempt to extract more than a draw from an ending with Rook and Bishop against Rook; but it meant that he had to relax on many occasions when concentration was necessary and hence the poor result of such a great player in coming twelfth out of 14. And Timman, who was second to Karpov at Bad Lauterberg, was

Larsen too was very tired when he started playing in the tournament, coming straight from Rotterdam where he lost a match in the quarter-finals of the World Championship Candithe World Championship Candidates series against Portisch. He had to use up his first two free days to make up for his absence in the first two rounds. But, amazingly, he seemed to find fresh energy as the tournament proceeded to play in that fresh, adventurous style for which he is justly famous. Looking back at the progress of the tournament one sees that were grandmasters and the rethe tournament one sees that have as strong a tournament he was leading practically all as possible was evidenced by the the way. Only in the ninth fact that Hug was the only round when he lost to Torre

as low as tenth at Geneva.

tournament. He has already a defeat at the hands of the Larsen made the norm in the Haifa former Georgian master in QR-Kri. Olympiad but needs to play one round 11 and failed to win a sure on game in the last four rounds.

The final scores were : Larsen 81. Andersson 8. Dzindzichash-vili and Sosonko 71. Pachman and Torre 7. Liberzon, Ivkov and Torre 7, Liberzon, Ivkov threats... Given time he and Signifonsson 61, Timman organize a maring attact.

The tournament, being so and Byrne 6, Olafsson 51, Hug 19, R-R3 ch, and 20: Q-R5, evenly balanced, produced a 5 and Westerinen 31.

Four special prizes

Four special prizes were awarded: the brilliancy prize was won by Liberzon for his game against Sigurjonsson; the price for the best played game. 19 R-RM QR-81 \$1 QxQBF : went to Larsen for his win over 20 F-QR5Q-RM Westerinen : Andersson won the best endgame prize for his game against Torre and Westerinen won the prize for the best attack against Timman.

Here is the game that won the best attack prize. White: Westerimen. Black: Larsen, Larsen's Defence. P-K4 P-OKES

A move of great antiquity to which Larsen has added many piquant points.

2 P-Q4 B-K22 5 0-0 Px2 5 B-Q5 P-K3 6 K0xP K2-QB3 4 K1-KB3 P-QB4 7 K0xK1 After this Black's QB becomes a powerful piece. The alternative is 7. B-K3, to which Black could reach 7.

Black could reply 7 . . . Kt-K4, eliminating one of White's two Bishops. 7 . . . Bukt

Or he may play 8. B-K3, to which Black could stell raply B-B4. 8 · . B-B4 11 QR-Q1 Q-B3 9 Q-K2 K1-K2 12 BrB Px8 10 B-K3 Q-0 13 Q-K3 Q-R4

A fine move with a number of subtle attacking points. It is also the best way of protecting his QBP since after 13 P-Q3; 14. P-K5 would be to White's edvantage. But the prime idea of the Queen more is to fix White's pieces in defence of his Queen-side and then to switch the attack over to the King's wing a grand-

This is now a grievous error; better was 15. P-B4, to which

14 P-K5 Kt-Kt7 15 B-K4

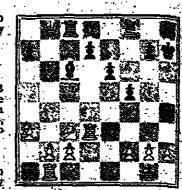
intended playing former Georgian master in QR-Kai, acceptuating the pre-round 11 and failed to win a sure on the Queen-side.

15 ... Ecop 17 Oxes Q-KiS 16 3xP ch KxB 18 R-Q3

White is not without his own threats. Given time he will organize a maring attack by

A powerful move that killy the idea of mating as indicated above stone-dead.

Preferable was 21 - Qx0. then, however, Black would still have the upper hand. In any case Westerinen is fully aware that in matters of end. game play Larsen is greatly his superior.



Position after 21. QxQBP.

It is wonderful to observe how Black has increased the scope of this Bishop to include the whole diagonal. What fol-lows is a beautiful execution on

22 Q-R7 B-B5 28 RMR QMF (b)
23 RMG Q-B5 29 R-K15 Q-R5
24 R-K15 Q-H5, 30 Q-KR4 B-B6
25 P-QKMP-B5 31 R-QB5 RMR
26 R-K14 R-B5, 32 PMR Q-K0 (b)
27 R-R5 B-K15 55 Q-K5 (b)
Teligon

Mate, or loss of the Kt, is inevitable an original an most instructive game.

plants, it must have a weakening effect and I like to have as clean a garden as possible.

Don't forget that diseases as

well as pests can develop resistance to chemical controls,

so it is wise to change the insecticide or fungicide every

Before somebody leaps in to

put me right, I ought to say that with plant diseases such as mildew it is probably not so

much a matter of a strain of disease becoming resistant as of a new strain appearing which is not controlled by a particular chemical compound.

There were, of course, the classic cases of the roses Fren-sham and Super Star which were not affected by mildew

when they first appeared, but

later presumably new strains of the disease arrived to which

they had no resistance. Whichever way this problem of resistance works, it is some

thing we have to keep in mind

We tend to forget that pests

and ring the changes with our

few weeks.

Harry Golombek

Gardening

The right time for a herb garden

Among the several dozen new to cheer up what we knew was sive, non by self sown seedings gardening books, good, bad going to be a dull diet. But the but by its long underground and indifferent, which have floor people going abroad, and mile to keep our mint under control to the past of the pas gardening books, good, bad few weeks, is Herbs with Everything by my old friend Sheila Howarth (Sphere Books, £1.75), It deals with 24 herbs, from angelica to thyme. It is more a recipe book than a gardening manual, but adeounte cultural instructions are given for each herb. The colour illustrations by Yvonne Skargon are delightful, and most of the recipes are mouth

watering. I was much introduced by the entry about rosemary. I think Sheila Howarth has got it a bit wrong because she says that there is a story that it does not thrive by a house ruled by a woman. I have always heard to the contrary—that where rosemary flourishes the woman wears the trousers, and I have seen several examples to prove

Also, excidentally, there is a story that rosemary never grows higher than the height of Jesus Christ, and we have always assumed that Jesus was a small man because I have never seen a rosemary bush taller than shour five feet. Be sell this as it may, I have some vivid memories of rose-

fine for a time, but when she started to flavour my breakfast bacon and eggs with rosemary I put my foot down.

mary when about 12 years ago we employed an Austrian cook. She was over the moon about our large bushes of rosemary and proceeded to use it in almost every dish. This was

But all this apart, I am really delighted to see the Bri-tish at last taking herbs seriously. When I was working on the Dig for Victory cam-paign early in the war, the Government spent wast sums trying to persuade all the pub-lic to grow and use more herbs

lions more eating out at home, by confining it to square beds herbs are much more popular. I suppose mint, parsley, sage

and thyme are the most popular herbs, followed by chives and garlic, with basll, marjoram, savory, tarragon, balm and fennel a long way behind. Borage, mint and balm we see frequently used in gin slings and similar drinks. This is the time to start a

vil, dill, marjoram, rosemary, sage, summer and savory, and thyme. Naturally, one can buy plants of the perentials such as balm, chives, fennel, hyssop, as baim, chives, rennel, hyssop, rosemary, sage, winter savoty and thyme to put in now. Balm makes a bit of a nuisance of itself in my garden with self sown seedlings coming up even in chinks between the paving. I do not really mind because its crinkly medium green foliage is very attractive, and one can always take the shears to

can always take the shears to it when the plants grow a bit too large. There are various types of mint and, as Sheile Howarth points out, the broad, slightly hairy leaved Mentha rotundifolia, the apple mint, especially "Bowles Variety", is preferred for culinary purposes by many people. From the gardener's point of view it has the advantage of being resistant to the mint rust disease which can be

troublesome on other varieties. While not perhaps of importance to the cook, "Eau de Cologne" mint and the green and white variegated "Pineapand white variegated "Pineap-ple" mint are good plants to have in a collection of fragrant berbs to amuse the visitors. Like baku, mint can be inva-

surrounded by concrete outside the kitchen door. If the cold weather has checked a few pests we will be at least grateful for small mer-

cies, but we must keep a sharp watch from now on. Every gardener should develop a dener should develop a "seeing eye" and go round the garden with a suspicious mind, looking for signs of trouble-4 herb garden, and of course to leaf puckered or discoloured, have it as near the house as swisted, ohewed at the edges, possible. Those which are rolled up, shot-holed, stems raised from seed may be distorted or distingured now-chives, balm, basil, cherthese signs are an indication of trouble.

Many pests cumingly attack the underside of the leaves— greenfly and others—so as you pass by roses or currants of all colours, turn over a leaf here and there, and if pests are present apply a suitable insecpresent appry a suitable insecticide at once. Repeat the spray as often as is indicated by the manufacturer—usually about every 14 days; although some sprays, like derris and pyrethrum, I prefer to apply at 7-10 day intervals.

Diseases such as black spot and mildew on roses will soon be here again, and if you have had trouble with diseases on any plants in the past year or two, take preventive action and from now on apply a suitable fungicide, and do it regularly.

Many manufacturers have in the past, and probably still do, recommended applications of their fungicides every 14 days, but I am convinced to really keep on top of mildew particu-larly, it is necessary to spray every 10 days. You may take the view that mildew, while an unsightly disease, is not a killer as black spot can be and therefore is

not worth worrying about; but

whether on fruit trees or

We tend to forget that pests like the greenfly family can flourish in cold frames or under cloches at his time of year, and of course at almost any time in a heated green house or conservatory. So a regular weekly close inspection of plants under glass is really any of plants under glass is really red desirable.

desirable.

A few weeks ago I wrote about the miniature wild species of cyclamen. Several readers have written to say the that when rhey gardened on an acid soil these lovely little according to the cyclamen several ready limy clay soil overlying the chalk, the cyclamen seeded themselves and increased about themselves and increased about crease by adding lime to the cyclamen cycla

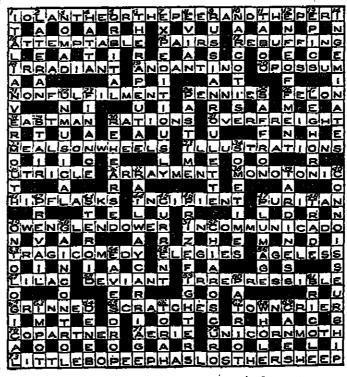
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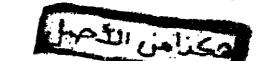
The three prizewinners of the Easter holiday Jumbo Crossword Competition were-Miss B. Taylor, 37 St Helen's Gate, Almondbury, Huddersfield HD4 6SD, G. S. McLeod, 3 The Spinney, Copped Hall, Camberley, Surrey, and S. H. F. Johnston, Fronhyfryd, Llanbadarn Road, Aberystwyth, Dyfed. The correct solution is:





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Drink

Spring freshness

drink they can be certain of liking. But, by adding to the demand for such wines, they are demand for such wines, they are by possibly paying more than the billing i prices of others, that appeal to 20 the discriminating who are willing to explore albeit within familiar regions. Here are some slightly off-beat French wines

say) are invariably good value.

Quality standards are high and,
although the wines of each
establishment have an individual style, no producer will terest competitor—each house makes wines good in their own right. There is a very arractive, fruity Eduzwicker—the name means it is a blend of the four "noble" grape varieties of Alsace—which is called Sonnenglanz; it would be perfect apperiet drinking as well as for
serving with fish dishes and
light food (£1.77 from Duchy
Winners a New Beides Con-Vintuers, 9 New Bridge Street, Truro. Except for visitors to the shop, it must be ordered by the case or half case, but

the price includes delivery).

Balls Bros. have an outstanding Gewürztraminer, 1973, which deservedly won a gold-medal. This is the Alsace grape

by which most people are first attracted to these wines and it has the "spicy" assertive-food as well as being pleasing for leistnely sipping.

Both these wines show the region's immediacy of appeal and you would pay far more for region's immemacy or appear and you would pay far more for anything similar in style of equal quality from anywhere else. (Gewürztraminer 1973, £2.11 from Baßs Bros, 313 Cam-

bridge Heath Road, E2. This is
the price for orders by post or
telephone—cash and carry visitors naturally pay less.)
Most people enjoy the wines
from the ends of the Loire—
Muscader by the sea and San-Muscadet by the sea and Sau-cerre and Pouilly from nearer to Burgundy. But it is a pity that the many others from along the banks of the longest river in France and its tributaries cannot be used to ring the changes on these. Savennieres, changes of these Savenners, just south-west of Angers, makes delicious wines, some of them full and fruity, others, like Baron Brincard's Château de la Bizolière 1975, crisp, dry and with a nervous elegance

that would make it appreciated with shellfish, salmon or, indeed as an aperitif (Muscadet is, in as an aperin (Muscader is, in my view, somewhat too dry for this purpose unless accompany-ing canapes are substantial). The grape is the Chemin Blanc or Pineau de la Loire, which endows the wine with a delicately fascinating "finish".

(Château de la Rizolière 1975, £2.20 from Yapp Brothers, Mere, with whose fine list includes three other Savennières as well).

British wine lovers are tra-ditionally fond of Châteauneuf du-Pape and are beginning to buy Geometrs, too. But attention should be drawn to the Vacfreshness to them that seems to come from their proximity to

Those who limit their wine buying to "known names" may be assuring themselves of a drink they can be certain of liking. But, by adding to the demand for such wines, they are liking buying more than the prices of others, that appeal to the discriminating who are willing to explore albeit within familiar regions. Here are some slightly off-beat French wines that make particularly charming that make particularly charming.

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The wine trade often laments

The wine trade often laments that customers buying Burgundy miss many beautiful wines that are not "known names". Many merchants serve the wines of Pernand Vergelesses at their own tables, appreciating the light, elegant style and lingering subtlety; travellers in the region will remember the way the soil suddenly lightens around Pernand. denly lightens around Pernand, endowing these Côte de Beaune reds with a delicate profundity that is more usually associated with the Côte de Nuits. A beautiful Pernand, lle des Vergelesses (the vineyard is almost midway between Savigny-les-Beaune and Aloxo-Coston) and and 1972 by

Corton), was made in 1972 by Pierre Olivier, and deserves the adjective "fin", which signifies something more positive as regards quality and classic Burgundy than the word "fine". (It costs £43.20 the case from Kench Regional case from French Regional Wines, 10 St James's Place, SW1, which includes delivery.

They can arrange mixed cases and their list has low-priced as well as expensive wines.) Roger Harris, looking for an everyday red that customers can afford to drink in quantity, ships a blended wine, Vin Vivant, produced near Carcassoune. It is mount-filling, robust enough for full-flavoured food and one friend said, is as satisfying as Beaujolais ought to be—but much cheaner

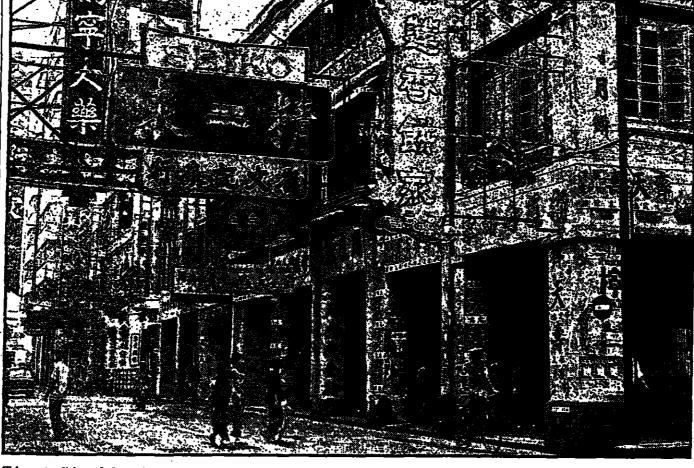
ought to be—but much cheaper (It comes in 70 cl bortles and costs £16.35 the case, delivered, from Roger Harris, Conon House, 10 Vicar Street, Wymondham, Norfolk. He has a pink and two white wines in the same range.) Last year I praised the excel-lent Sauvignon and Chardonnay VDQS wines of the Haut Poitou

cooperative, which are classics equal to many ACs. Now the same establishment have produced a red, made from the three classic black grapes, Pinot Noir, Gamay and Cabernet. Vibrantly red in colour, the soft floweriness of the Pinot is evident in the bouquet, the assertive fruit of the Cabernet shows on the palate and the Gamay gives body and zip. This is a charmer of stylishness—as well as a most interesting wine that it is difficult to resist drinking in delectable draughts. (From Staplyton Fletcher, Hill-gates Parm, Coks Hill, Paddock Wood, Kent, it costs £22.10 the case, inclusive of delivery, but Staplyton Fletcher offers free delivery for orders of more than two cases and substantial than two cases and substantial quantity discounts for several cases taken in a single delivery. cases taken in a single delivery.

This new firm has a short list

mately \$8.7 to £1—and both currencies circulate freely. But Travel ·

Keeping out of the casino



Chinese traditions thrive in Portuguese Macao.

Anyone visiting Hongkong for more than a day or two should a conventional ferry service consider taking a side-trip to which takes about three bours more than a day or two should consider taking a side-trip to Marao, the last remnant of Portugal's once-vast colonial

A visit to Macao can actually be an economy, since hotel rooms, food and wine cost little more than half what they do in Hongkong. Although Macao is small and the delights of tour-ism there can be exhausted in three days, it is a pleasant breather after hectic Hongkong, and a refreshing taste of Europe in the Orient.

The travel costs for one person are no more than HKS75 (less than £9). The ticket for the one-hour hydrofoil journey is only \$25 each way, and if you have a British passport, the Macao immigration authorities may even waive the \$25 fee for a visa, which you obtain without formalities at the pier in Macao, as they may consider you a resident of Hongkong and thus privileged. Hydrofoils leave about every half-hour in the dayleght hours.

It is best to go mid-week, to avoid the rush of gamblers cros-sing from Hongkong to take advantage of the casinos (blackjack, fantan, roulette and fruit machines), or the dog-racing. A comfortable double room at the Sintra Hotel on the water-front costs only HK\$95. (The Macanese pataca is at par with the Hongkong dollar—approxiof both classics and novelties well worth trying).

Pamela Vandyke Price

This new firm has a short list of any patacas before well worth trying).

For the list of any patacas before the old treaty-ports, ones available too. Two people and how long it will survive can eat like kings for \$75.

If you dislike the sometimes Portugal would be happy haunt of "old Macao hands",

for the 40-mile crossing. A stroll along the waterfront boulevard with its centuries old

trees is a delightful experience, and you soon find yourself in the fishing port where live crabs are being brought ashore by the basketful. Just across the small bay, you can see a few buildings on the Chinese Macao is perhaps the most

distinctly Chinese place left anywhere in the world, ironic though that may seem with the whole of China at the tiny peninsula's doorstep. The character of cities on the maintand has been largely changed land has been largely changed by modernization and low-cost housing programmes, and many fascinating Chinese institutions have been suppressed there as "remnants of the past".

In Macao, everything tradi-tionally Chinese thrives—small Buddhist and Confucian temples, traditional lotteries, and the many pawnshops which live off unlucky gambiers. The Portuguese character of the place survives mainly in some of the architecture, in the prevalence of Roman Catholic churches and charitable institutions, and in the cooking. Portuguese troops have now all been withdrawn, though the top officials in the Government are still Portuguese. You can stroll for a whole morning through the humobacked alleyways, and barely see Portuguese face. This is the

enough to see Peking take over Macao if the latter so desired. The antique shops are less brash and expensive than those of Hongkong, and we found a delightful memento in the shape of a collection of inscribed milfoil stalks—used in Chinese divining of the future since ancient times. There are plenty of gilded carvings, old temple objects, porcekin, and some Portuguese as well as Chinese antiques.

Portuguese handicrafts can elso be bought in a special shop, as can products of North Vietnam, North Korea, and of course China. Macao itself produces little for export except textiles and fireworks. Something else which dis-tinguishes Macao utterly from

Hongkong is the cuisine. There is no good Portuguese restau-rant in Hongkong, but the dignified old Pousada Inn on the waterfront near the centre of Macao is one of the most distinctive restaurants in the Far East. Thoroughly recommended are the two kinds of vegetable soup-green or minestrone-type — to which a few drops of olive oil may be added to lift the flavour. "African chicken", prawns, steak with mustard and caper sauce, baked fish and many other dishes at the Pousada are outstanding and the house dessert consists of apple and banana fritters. Good Portuguese wines vary in price from \$15 to \$20 a bottle,

is a cafe-type of restaurant with a decent Portuguese menu, but not in the same class as the Pousada. The Bela Vista is rundown, and the service there is

Naturally there is Cantonese food in abundance, and the Jardim de Jade in the city centre serves a good Chinese meal to the accompaniment of the clatter of mahjong tiles. A graceful new road-bridge

spanning the shallow harbour links the Macao peninsula to Taipa Island, from where a causeway leads to the sizeble and delightfully peaceful island of Coloane (20 minutes by bus from central Macao). Here you can spend a whole day walking among the Chinese farms and along the beaches, ending up with a cold drink and a snack in the village square near the diminutive but charming Roman Catholic church. You can still be back in Macao in time to catch a hydrofoil, or spend an evening watching television from Hongkong, or-if you are addicted or very optimistic—go gambling at one of the several casinos. There is no entrance fee or

formship at the big casino in the garish Hotel Lisbon, and without spending a dollar you can watch little old Chinese ladies throw down notes and chips worth the equivalent of £60 a time, or haggard systemsoperators making jottings in their notebooks. To my mind, it is plenty else in Macao to divert

David Bonavia

Bridge

A missing honour

readers are more interested in the bread and butter of master play than in the exotic conven-tions which can be used perhaps once in a hundred deals, and then only with an understanding partner.

Although I have always been

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a strong advocate of cue-bid-ding after a trump suit has been agreed, it is not an essential move in the slam approach, for the distributions are infrequent where it becomes advisable to make certain that advisable to make certain that partner will not pass. The kind of hand which I have in mind contains about 19/20 high-card points, such as A/82, CK10962, A/5, A/6, possibly it qualifies for a strong Two bid which is forcing for one bid which is forcing for one round, but more often the suits are thin and an opening at the one level is most convenient. Encouraging changes of suit can be introduced subsequently without creating confusion if partners obey the principles behind trump support. North South game; dealer South.

A K Q J 10 8

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There are plenty of routes

to a slam in Hearts without the and, superficially, there is nothing wrong with the contract, yet South did not succeed in making it. West led the AK on which East played the A9 and South won with the A. When the trumps did not fall in two rounds, declarer could not see how to avoid taking the diamond finesse (although he expected West to hold the $\Diamond K$), so he went down when there was a way to ensure the

slam without any risk.

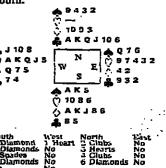
The intermediate cards were pulling more than their normal weight and declarer did not absorb all the implications of the first trick; he played his cards in the wrong order because he imagined that he must either ruff two spades or take a successful finesse. After the A, VA and VK he needs to cash his AK, and A return to dummy with a grump and discard the So on the AQ. Declarer then plays dummy's spade and covers whatever card is played by East. West must win the trick and lead either a spade which establishes South's AJ or a diamond which will provide declarer the first trick; he played his which will provide declarer with a discard of his spade

From the angle of defence East appears to have made a mistake in signalling with the \$49 to the \$K; but a moment's reflection shows that if East

ome to know the tea

From the letters which reach plays low to the opening lead me I am satisfied that my South can later afford to cover the 49 with his 41 and have a menace card in the \$8 which West must establish if he does nor lead a diamond Below the championship level

at which partners have learnt to put their bidding in a strait-jacket, one system is as good as another if it can be readily followed. I would not advise any responder to look for a slam if he holds fewer than 14 points opposite an opening bid; but when he begins to think in terms of actual tricks instead



clubs and void in hearts justi-fied a double raise to six diamonds. South had been placed in an awkward situation by his partner's free bid of Two Clubs; he feared that a rebid of Two Diamonds would show a minimum opening and might be passed out; he therefore bid Three Diamonds which overvalued his 15 points and, in conjunction with the cue-bids, produced a slam contract in the wrong suit.

West led the OA, ruffed in dummy. Obviously, trumps must be drawn before the clubs are run, so declarer led the \$10 which was allowed to hold the trick; he then played dummy's remaining trump. When East followed to the \$9 was South to play the \$J or \$K? Surely was reasonable for declarer to assume incorrectly that East had originally four trumps to the Q and to finesse again? West won with his unguarded Q and cashed two more tricks. Unfettered by the system which precluded North from jumping to Three Clubs without more material or South from making a minimum rebid of Two Diamonds, they would have reached an unbreakable slam in Clubs by a simple sequence with cue bids:

Whatever is led North takes six clubs, four diamonds and two

spades.

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Collecting

When decorations are in order

necklace or amethyst earrings. But there is one exemption. At dress dinners where those who have won them may wear orders and decorations, men may relieve the penguin sobriety of their evening dress with jewels that the Queen of Sheba might think oscensations. Let us assume that our man has done some signal service to Denmark. Round his he has done the same kind of service for Finland, he might service for Finland, he might be decked out instead in the Order of the White Rose, with surprisingly, a coller made up of golden swastikas: if he won it before 1963, that is—for in that year the swastikas were discreetly replaced by spruce

If Field Marshal Amin has nterred an honour on him, onferred an frontier on firm, on between the raxing sessions of conferring them on himself, his finery may be even more plendid. Mr E. C. Josha, head if the orders and decoration lepartment at Spink & Son, 5. King Street, SWL, showed me an Order of the Source of the Nile which Spink's (who make new decorations as well as buy and self old ones) made for new decorations as wear as buy and self old ones) made for President Amin. "Egypt had long had an Order of the Nike", Mr. Joslin said. "But Amin had to go one better in tugands. He would have an Worder of the Source of the Nike: nobody could go beyond attact."

Part of Mr Joshn's job is trevelling round the world of advising rulers of the kind of decorations Spenk's can make for them. The Arab states are renaturally among the good clients at present. Mr Joshin sliowed me a new order about to be sent our to Bahrain. It was in gold set with pearls. This is just the second-class

An old gag used by comedians set", Mr Joslin said, almost on gala nights goes something disdanfully. The first step in like this: "I've never seen persuading a ruler to commissuch a beautifully turned out sion luxurious decorations is to audience. The furs! The Perpoint our no him the advantures! The jewelry! And tages of this kind of patronage.

The tree is by such baubles that the people would still look men are led", as Napoleon askance in the dress circle at a said when creating the Order man who were an emerald of the Legion d'Honneur. The collector of orders is a

The collector of orders is a breed on his own. Mr Joshin said: "The collector of gallanny and campaign medals knows to whom they were given, and can check up on the man's background and service career. He's collecting the man behind the medal. But orders are never named—they are are never named—they are completely anonymous. So colman has done some signal service to Denmark. Round his neck hangs a coller of golden elephans, from which dangles a white enamel elephant set with a cross of diamonds, with a black enamel mahour perched on its head. Across his left shoulder is a blue silk sash. On his chest gleams the eight-pointed silver star of the order, bearing a Latin cross formed of six silver pearls on a red background surrounded by a laurel wreath in silver. If he has done the same kind of

The basic designs of many of the orders have not changed since they were introduced. But the style has, in many cases. So has the quality; the standard of the modern West German Order of Merit, in particular, is a disgrace—shoddy ular, is a disgrace—shoddy metal, with just a lick of paint instead of the thick, juicy enam-el of most orders. I asked Mr Joslin whether, in cases where an order has nor changed radically in sayle for a century or more, it might be permissible for someone honoured today to buy an antique version of the order and wear it. "I don't see why not", he said. "All orders are not, he said. "All orders are returnable on promotion to a higher; class, and some are returnable on the death of the holder. Many of the returned orders are restored and reissued. Decorations of 1814 and 1815 were sail being issued at the end of the nineteenth century. Sir Winston Charabill tury. Sir Winston Churchill wore the Garter that had belonged to his ancestor, Mariborough. So what's to stop people wearing the older, bet-ter-quality versions of their decorations?"

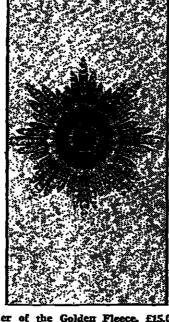
ter-quality versions of their the scandalous Duchess of Sotheby's and Christie's both decorations?"

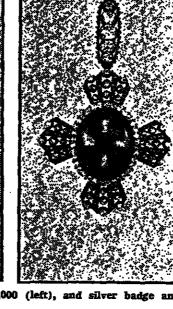
Anyone who aspires to have bestowed on him, or to collect, orders and decorations should first buy a first-class limie it was accidentally revealed.)

Paul Hieronymussen's to be possible for the Order of St. 215,000 to J. B. Hayward and thou first of Britain and Europe in Michael and St George to visit Son, 17, Piccadilly Arcade.

Sotheby's and Christie's both tian martyr. It was the highest imperial order exclusively for women, and membership was restricted to ladies of the Linguistance in the beginner not to hope for women, and membership was restricted to ladies of the Linguistance in the beginner not to hope for women, and membership was restricted to ladies of the Linguistance in the beginner not to hope for women, and membership was restricted to ladies of the Linguistance in the beginner not to hope for women, and membership was restricted to ladies of the Linguistance in the beginner not to hope for women, and membership was restricted to ladies of the Linguistance in the beginner not to hope for women, and membership was restricted to ladies of the Linguistance in the beginner not to hope for women, and membership was restricted to ladies of the Linguistance in the beginner not to hope for women, and membership was restricted to ladies of the Linguistance in the beginner not to hope for women, and membership was restricted to ladies of the Linguistance in the beginner not to hope for women, and membership was restricted to ladies of the Linguistance in the beginner not to hope for women, and membership was restricted to ladies of the Linguistance in the beginner not to hope for women, and membership was restricted to ladies of the Linguistance in the beginner not to hope in women, and membership was restricted to ladies of the Linguistance in the beginner not to hope in women, and membership was restricted to ladies of the Linguistance in the beginner not to hope in women, and membership was restricted







Grand Cross badge of the Légion d'Honneur and Spanish Order of the Golden Fleece, £15,000 (left), and silver badge and star of the Imperial Russian Order of St Catherine the Great Martyr, £8,500.

liam which is bound to follow this article, will find themselves saluted in Holland when they wear their insignia visibly. (One might wonden who would go to the trouble of abraining the thing and wear. obtaining the thing and wearing it invisibly; though an
eighteenth-century memoir of
the scandalous Duchess of

star of the Imperial Russian Order of St Catherine the Great Martyr, £8,500.

Colour (Blaudford Press, the staterooms of the neo-classical Palace of Sr Michael and of those boxes of semi-precious-stone samples one can in the king's absence from buy in Brazil: the coloured gew-gaws are laid out for our inspection in kaleidoscopic guidebook by Martin Young, clusters. The aesthetic man of ambition can decide for exactly which countries he should be perform signal services. He should also note, however, the stern general rule that "whoever requests an order whoever requests an order to reward services to Malta and the Ionian Islands but is year. If you wonder was originally founded to reward services to Malta and the Ionian Islands but is year. Those who prefer collecting and the Ionian Islands but is year. Those who prefer collecting and the Ionian Islands but is year. Those who prefer collecting and the Ionian Islands but is year. Those who prefer collecting and the Ionian Islands but is year. Those who prefer collecting and the Ionian Islands but is year. Those who prefer collecting and the Ionian Islands but is year. Those who prefer collecting and the Ionian Islands but is year. Those who prefer collecting and the Ionian Islands but is year. Those who prefer collecting and the Ionian Islands but is year. Those who prefer collecting and the Ionian Islands but is year. Those who prefer collecting and the Ionian Islands but is year. Those who prefer collecting and the Ionian Islands but is year. Those who prefer collecting and the Ionian Islands but is year. Those who prefer collecting and the Ionian Islands but is year. Those who prefer collecting and the Ionian Islands but is year. Those who prefer collecting the partic privileges. Those who prefer collecting the previous privileges. Those who succeed in the gadarene rush for Dutch Orders of William which is bound to follow this article, will find them are marvellous value consider. Alexen from the Carterine the Great Martyr for the Good, Ducke of Burgundy, the are marvellous value consider-ing the lavish colour plates, and the text, translated from the Czech, is both informative

and romantically anecdotal.

The recent volume has chapters on takes and on societies for collectors. Sotheby's and Christie's both

28,500. The order was founded by Peter the Great on November 24, 1714, the name-day of his Tsarina, Catherine Alekseyerna. It was instituted

could expect to pay for an order or decoration worth collecting. He threw open a shallow drawer, revealing an Italian Order of the Crown, fourth-class, some 50 to 70 years old, at £25. He also gave me the April 1977 issue of Spink's Numismatic Circular Spiok's Numismatic Circular (30p excluding postage). Here are some sample prices from it: Order of the Golden Crop, China, 1st class sash, badge, star and original case of issue, £250; Legion of Honour, France, Grand Cross ser consisting of a sidver star and a gold and ename! sash badge with sash, Second Empire, 1852-70, £1,500; Order of the Sacred Treasure, Japan, breast

Sacred Treasure, Japan, breast star complete with original lac-quer box, £100; Order of Danilo, Montenegro, 1st class day of his Tsarms,
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of Anne Frank. "We had five, self-never, never. but one died."

Otto Frank rested. He had just answered 19 letters written by a class of Dutch schoolchildren after their visit to the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam. "Every day we have emeticn", he said. At 87, he still feels that his is the task of replying to each inquiry and wish of goodwill, of fulfilling the sense of mission contained in the poignant words of his daughter's diary. He alone survived the two years in hiding which the Frank family spent in Amsterdam, and their subsequent humiliations in Nezi con-

rie now lives in Basle, with had been near neighbours in Amsterdam before the war, and wire reurited in rother mac-abre circumstances after it on a station in Galicia, Poland, both on their way back from Auschwitz. They married eight years later. "My wife understands it all", said Mr Frank. She lost a son and husband in

In fact Mrs Frank remembers Anne as a childhood friend of her own daughter, seeing them play on the street together. "I only met Anne once", she said.
"I was at the dressmaker's
when a young girl walked in alone. She only tried on one dress, and told the dressmaker so and so wasn't nice, that she wanted this and this done to it. She knew exactly what she

Otto Frank's own memory of Anne is of an extrovert and fun-loving girl whose liveliness had to be both guided and kept cence. She showed little pro-pensity for academic work. When Anne's diary, retrieved by family friends from among the hootmarks of the Gestapo, was returned to him after the emotion but one of revelation.

I never knew she cared about things, like God, for instance. She didn't show any feeling for religion. Margot (Anne's elder sister) showed an interest, but Anne never did. She never had a real Jewish When the diary was event-

ually published after the war, the sister of Mrs van Daan, one of those in hiding with the Franks, whom Anne portrays in a humorous and slightly un-charitable light, told Mr Frank that no one could have given a better description of her sister

"We knew Anne had a gift of observation", said Mr Frank. or observation, said will read,
"If we went for a visit somewhere, Anne could tell you
afterwards how everyone was
dressed and what they were doing. But the rest we didn't

Mr Frank too conceals his feelings. He is alert and active, and speaks with young enthu-siasm. His brown eyes alone tell of the suffering of returning to Amsterdam after the war to pick up the remnants of a business, and a life.

At first he was reluctant to have the diary published, until friends pointed out that Anne xpressed the wish in her writings that it should be. Now the original manuscript is kept in a bank vault in Basle. Upon Mr Frank's death it will take its place alongside less cele-brated testaments at the Netherands State Institute for War Documentation, in Amsterdam. The original diary reflects

the pride which Anne took in her writing. The neatly written diary entries and stories are meticulously indexed and dated, and she also devised a secret writing code which she never had the opportunity to put into use. It was a private occupa-tion. "When she wanted to write", said Mr Frank. "she would say: Daddy, please see nohody comes into my room". The letters which Otto Frank

In the garden of the Swiss never have believed how still receives daily testify to the house are four rose bushes of deeply Anne thought, and how world-wide impact and influsive species cultivated in memory she kept her thoughts to here to the fact that Anne's voice still speaks. It has inspired artists from Chagall to Yevtushenko, and many more people like the American professor who was moved to write a folio of poems after visiting the house in Amsterdam. He had never written poetry before, and

suspected he never would again.

Just as many people see Anne as a symbol of the less personalized sufferings of millions of Jews at the hands of the Nazis, Otto Frank sees the Anne Frank Foundation in Amsterdam as bearer of the human ideal for which she stood. The foundation, which obtains much of its revenue from visitors to the house on Prinzengracht, groups for young people with the aim of eradicating anti-semitism. "We want to make people aware of their own prejudices, which they often don't realize, and help them towards self-discovery", said Mr Frank. "To show there is still dis-crimination which must be

An activist by nature and experience, One Frank still makes regular visits to Amsterdam. "I interfere as much as possible with the general move-ment to make sure it keeps the sense of mission which is in Anne's book", he said. He was recently angered by a pamphlet which the foundation had pre-pared to launch an exhibition against discrimination. "It never once used the phrase 'anti-semitism'. I demanded that it be rewritten."

Mr Frank still sees too much evidence of anti-semitism in Europe. He has never set foot since the war in Germany, where he was born, and his wife has never returned, for the same reason, to her native Austria. They are sceptical of the sincerity of Europe's reli-gious tolerance. Mr Frank feels his Jewish identity in a racial rather than religious sense: he prefers to remain a member of a liberal synagogue in Amster- accuse anybody."



Mr Otto Frank with the "Golden Pan Award" he received for one million paperback sales of

"The Diary of Anne Frank". dam than join the more ortho dox community in Basle. He has more reason than most though for feeling bitterness, and a trace of it shows through talks of anti-semites, as if of a

talks of anti-semites, as if of a sub-human species.

It is Mr Frank's capacity to keep his feelings to himself, and his calmness, which perhaps enabled his family to maintain its balance during the two oppressive years in hiding from the Gestapo and its Dutch agents. It is the same tendency which has concealed the last mystery surrounding the ordeal chronicled by Anne: who chronicled by Anne: who betrayed the Franks?

Otto Frank is reticent. " A man telephoned the police—that we know from the man who arrested us. But we have no evidence, and if there is no evidence you are not allowed to

Anne writes in her diary of a series of break-ins at the warehouse below the family's "seem to take a delight in honouring Kolen & Co with their visits". One burglary, how-ever, four months before the family's arrest, was different from the others. The intruder was disturbed by Mr van Daan, one of the refugees in the hideout, who was making

regular evening round of the office adjoining the warehouse. There were no signs of the lock having been forced, suggesting that the thief, who left the door open on his departure, had a skeleton key. He must have crept into

the house quite easily", writes "and closed the door Аппе. behind him, hidden himself when disturbed by Mr van Daan, and when he departed

fled with his spoils leaving the door open in his haste. Who can have our key? Why didn't the thief go to the warehouse? Might it be one of our own warehousemen, and would he perhaps betray us, since he certainly heard van Daan and perhaps even saw him?"
Anne's suspicion of the warehouseman, known as "M", was shared by some of the

family friends who still worked for Mr Frank's old firm and brought food to the hideout. Was it then the warehouseman who deprived Otto Frank of a family and the world of a young author of talent? "I have my suspicions", said Mr Frank with understatement in his voice but not in his eyes. "I don't even know if he is don't even know if he is

George Hutchinson

PR must be a non-starter for Britain

to take their seats in the Euro- ably as much as we can hope pean Parliament, becoming for. founder-members of yet another - For my part, I should be

actly crowded with would-be candidates, they are still pretty numerous, as you might imagine in an era when the financial attractions of public service, sary not to change, said Lord especially within the EEC, are Falkland. That is not a bad precept, and on this occasion it so alluring. What is lacking is not the

will or desire to serve, but the arrangements. The constituency boundaries have not been determined. Nor has the method of election. Unless we move quickly after the coming Commons debate on the subjectit begins when the House reassembles next week-we shall be in danger of falling behind, and even (conceivably) of failing to fulfil our commitment at the right time.

Once authorized by Parliament, the Boundaries Commission can no doubt act with fair speed and need not expect obstruction. It is the system of election that gives rise to most dispute, not only between parties but within them. Naturally enough, the advo-

cates of proportional representation see a great opportunity and are in full cry. It could hardly be otherwise. By estabishing the claims of PR in this field, they could hope to extend them to our own parliamentary elections. Hence the interest (the self-interest) of the Liberal Party, not to mention the National Front.

Proportional representation has various forms, some more complicated than others. It seems to me, however, that none is quite so simple as our own electoral procedure, which as the considerable merit of easily understood and unfailingly returns the person who secures the largest number of votes.

Of course I know what is "wrong" with it, and you needn't tell me the objections. But I also know what is right.

Unremarked—as I suspect—by nothing is ever "fair", and (as the bulk of the electorate, a new usual) he enunciated a philoembryo. In little more than a human condition to attain peryear, 81 British citizens are due fection. Rough justice is prob-

For my part, I should be very surprised if the Govern-(and well rewarded) eline very surprised if the Govern-There is no shortage of aspir ment and the House of Comants. If the streets are not ex- mons were to decide in favour of proportional representation in the election to the so-called necessary to change, it is neces-

> is more than likely to be upheld. Our established method of election has returned many good members of Parliament over the generations. There is a lot to be said for maintain-ing it. "First past the post" ing it. is an acceptable principle which we would be rash to abandon for an unfamiliar even alien-system, sometimes of Byzantine complexity, calculated to confuse and disturb

the electorate.
On a strictly partisan consideration, the two great parties would, of course, be crazy to promote the innovation. Once adopted in respect of the European Parliament, it might be applied to our own before long, and to local government elections as well

One effect of this would be to save the Liberals, rescuing them from their probable eclipse as a parliamentary force. That would be a good thing, you may think, and I would not myself dispute it for the moment. But if I were a party manager, Labour or Con-servative, I might think differently, that is to say less generously.

Another—and utterly deplorable—result might be to open the door to the National Front That we cannot afford. I would be a poor day for Britain if a member of the National Front were ever to occupy a seat in the House of Commons. This odious movement is becoming increasingly danger-

ous and must be checked.

On balance, then, it may seem that PR is best avoided. While doing some justice to the Liberals, its introduction might also saddle us with a number of the second of the se about it, in a rough sort of also saddle us with a number of the is well as we can reasonably quences. To adapt Lord Falk aspire to in an imperfect land, we should leave well world. It was Mr Enoch alone.

Powell, I think, who said that © Times Newspapers Ltd 1977 of most unwelcome conse-quences. To adapt Lord Falk-land, we should leave well

Preserving the idea of a Celtic paradise in Avalon

Tony Roberts discourages those and John Michell, author of who are setting off for foreign noily places. "Delphi?" he de
The View Over Atlantis. mends. " What do You want to go to Delphi f .: ? Everyone rants to go to wonderful bloody

Delphi right here in Britzin". It is a holy place rich with legends of fairles, the Druids and King Arthur. It is a pagan place and stronghold of early Christians. It is a magnet to oldfashioned mystics and disturbed hingies. It has had its abbey junction of the A39 and the A361. It is represented at the Festival of Mind and Body (which opens at the Empire Hall, Olympia on Tuesday) by stand number 49, which features a handful of mystically orientated thinkers and designers known collectively as "The Glastonbury Group

Tony Roberts has long wanted bury. Not having the time, he settled for writing one chapter and asking 11 like-minded thinkers to make up the rest, and then set:ling down to producing the entire run within his own four walls, with the exception of the cover, some of the places and the binding, all of which came from printers within walking distance of his South London home.

As the chapters arrived from contributors, he edited and added footnotes, whereupon his wife typed them on to stencils and ran off 350 copies of every page of this first, limited, edition. The house was sub-merged beneath piles of pages, which all had to be collated before binding; his mother helped here. Finally, they climbed into their car and delivered copies to booksellers. Fourteen months after conceiving the idea, Zodiac House (ie. Mr and Mrs Roberts) published a very presentable Glastonbury

Ancient Avalon, New Jerusalem (£2.70) at the end of last

Now Rider, part of the Hutchinson group, have decided to bring out their own edition, expanded and with an "afterword" by Colin Wilson, who feels that "books of this sort snould be thought of as imaginative works rather than scientific", but points out that "crank" subjects have a habit of acquiring scientific backing. Until the Rider edition appears next year, the only copies available are those produced in a second home-made former by the Roberts family in time for the Festival of Mind and Body.

Not only is this a do-it-yourself book, it is elso, as far as conventional historians are concerned, a do-it-yourself concerned, a do-it-yourself framework of knowledge. A 36-year-old newspaper librarian. Tony Roberts claims "the stracts" as one of his formative educational influences, and sets more store by mystical vibrations than scholarly references. His fellow-writers include his wife who is a secretary in a computer company, an American hallistics expert for Nasa

None of them is likely to end up as Oxbridge professors or Reith lecturers. But all of them represent an underground orthodoxy, which holds that Glastonbury has always possessed mysic and physical powers, expressed in the legends of Druids, fairies, Joseph of Arimathea's visit, and the Celtic paradise of Avalon, Christianity, the theory goes, first fed off and then sat on the pagan strengths of the place, which will eventually triumph and be recognized as, in the words of Blake (believed to have had Glastonbury firmly in mind), "Jerusalem in Eng-land's green and pleasant land". On the face of it, the evidence consists of some local legends the mound of Glastonbury Tor and the Abbey with its subter-ranean tunnels; there are also reports of "vibrations", similar to mild electric shocks, reported by Tony and others as emanating from an ancient stone.

For the most spectacular dence, we turn to a Mrs Mait-wood, who 50 years ago noticed from the map the signs of the zodiac etched out on the surrounding landscape. The shapes were there for all to see, just like Stonehenge but less obvious; old roads, hills, and of not only Libra. Acuarius and the other 10 symbols, but also a Hound, his tail touching the

Wagg " This traditional guardian of the underworld was joined by another, the discovery of Janet Roberts; the A39 making his back, this dog is six miles from head to paw. The signs of the zodiac were, according to Mrs Maltwood, in the same relation-ship on the ground as the constellations they represented were in the heavens.

"The zodiacs," says Tony, "are divine extrusions by the gods in the natural form of the ground. When the rough effigies were already formed, men recognized and made clear the shape, sculpting the landscape. It wasn't just an exercise in engineering for nothing; it was physicalastrology." The purpose of this he doesn't know, but the urge to study its mysteries makes Glastonbury for him an English Mecca which may one day reveal its

secrets.

Although one farmer once whispered that the hills on his land were man-made, most of subscribers to these theories. What the most savage critic can't deny is that Tony is reviving the old legends and putting a kind of preservation order on quaint local beliefs. Who knows, he may one day join them, leaving a faint folk memory of a man who swept down from the East, produced a book by superhuman feats of endurance, and disappeared for ever down the A39.

Jonathan Sale

Why Paul Klee's son almost lost his inheritance

of the painter Paul Klee, was plex experience it was to be a somewhere in Czechoslovakia cultured German before, during on May 1, 1945, when he heard that Hitler was dead. He and that Hitler was dead. He and an NCO of equally anil-Nazi views celebrated with a litre of father's encouragement and malks. vodka they had picked up. Suspicious inquirers were told

that the war was over, Gunner Klee threw his rifle into a stream and headed westward on foot. After evading death at the hands of Czech partisans by assuring them in French he was an Alsatian pressed into the Wehrmacht, he found himself in a prisoner of war camp run by the Russians. The German put in charge by the Russians was a certain Herr Willy Stoph, who has been Prime Minister of the German Democratic Republic since 1964.

"He behaved impeccably". Herr Klee recalled when we met at the Fischer Fine Art Gallery, to whose current exhibition of German art from 1910 to 1939 he has lent some of his

To talk to Herr klee is to

despite great gifts as an artist producer, he found that his finest years were from 1941 to at the city theatre in Würzburg, Bavaria. Not only was the director of the theatre no Nazi, but there were very few Nazis in that consciously Roman Catholic city. The Gauleiter had singularly little hold there, Herr Klee recalled, largely because he had the bad taste to name his dog after a treasured holy relic. "Even though I'm a Protestant, my heart was with the Catholics, who reacted with absolute revulsion", he said.

On September 1. On September 1, 1944, Goebbels ordered all theatres to be closed, and Herr Klee, despite having been born with one unseeing eye, had to become a soldier. "Then began my heroic time", he says with massive irony. "I was given the full three-month heavy artillery

Gunner Felix Klee, only child of the painter Paul Klee, was somewhere in Czechoslovakia on May 1, 1945, when he heard that Hitler was dead. He and War.

Be reminded afresh what a complex experience it was to be a going to last for another 30 cultured German before, during and after the Second World slovakia and Poland, part of the way back in retreat—and into Sories contains.

had severe stomach trouble, then a formight's train journey to the Caucasus, where he nearly died of pneumonia (thousands of his fellow prisoner; did die). But his life was saved when a Russian woman doctor sent him and a handful of others to hospital. In August 1946, after a few months in the Ukraine, he was released and allowed to return to Germany.

His wife and son, to whom he had succeeded in getting one had succeeded in getting one letter from captivity through the Red Cross, were living near Würzburg, where their house had been destroyed by Allied bombs. His mother was in Switzerland, where Paul Klee had died in 1940, aged 60, after a painful illness. When his mother heard of her son's safe

mother heard of her son's safe

American zone, she celebrated, and died of a stroke two days later. Quite how it happened Herr Klee never discovered. Her death left him in an

The ensuing months were, he appalling situation, since the concedes, a very bad time.
Typhus broke out at the first camp. There was a month's now effectively without an appropriated by a Swiss in Berne to whom he and his against a German invasion of Switzerland, given power of attorney after Paul Klee's death in 1940.

With three others, this man -whom Felix Klee does not name-formed a company called the Klee Gesellschaft, and sold off works worth a total of 400,000 Swiss francs. They also formed a Klee Foundation and deposited much of the collection in the Berne museum.

Being German, Felix Klee could not at that stage easily get out of Bavaria and into Switzerland. It was only on and miscries of German November 13, 1948, that he culture: early childhood in dramatically appeared in Berne. Munich; adolescence in the dramatically appeared in Berne. Munich; adolescence in the complete with family and heady, early days of the

Klee got a job as a radio pro-ducer in Berne, which clinched his residence permit. Then in by his father, plus dozens of others which friends like Kan-

dinksy, Jawlensky, Feininger, Nolde and Marc had swopped with Paul Klee. The foundation. which he recognized, retained 2,400 drawings, 100 etchings, 200 watercolours, and 40 paintirgs, administered by the The burden of being the son of a famous father sits lightly

on Felix Klee. He is now 69. and has been a Swiss subject since 1960, a status his father sought after being reviled by the Nazis and settling in Berne. only to be robbed of it by death. From his Swiss sanctuary, Herr Klee can look back on a life steeped in the splendours

sion to stay for only three in Dessau, where he took his months. A legal tug of war first job as an assistant stage began In September 1949 Herr manager. There followed a series of

theatre jobs, from which after the Nazi breakthrough in 1933 1953 at one stroke he was given he constantly had to move for all that was left outside the political reasons. First he went he met his wife, a Bulgarian opera singer; from Düsseldorf to the safety of Ulm, where he overlapped for a year with the youthful but already prodigious Karajan; Wilhelmshafen, Görtingen and finally, Würzburg. Since his retirement from Berne radio four years ago, he has devoted much of his time to his inheritance, with some help from his son, who is 37 and who paints under a pseudo-nym. He has sold very little, but lives quite comfortably with the help of royalties from pubnym. He has sold very little, but lives quite comfortably with the help of royalties from publications and the reproduction of his father's work. He recalls his father's work. He recamble his father as strict but affectionate, and looks back on his wandering years with much laughter as well as sorrow over the tragedies of the Third

Sportsview

Water 'baby' who wants to beat the world at Moscow Cheryl Brazendale is a 5ft Sin the East Germans, the Austra- weekend, but she followed in



cheryi Brazendale is a 5ft sin tall, slim, strikingly attractive brunette from Blackpool whose recent exploits in the swiming pool have sent the sporting starfstigians scurrying to the East Germans, the Australian weekend, but she followed in the final live a long way to go. My It takes a lot of character to training with my coach, Frank weekend, but she followed in the final look structions exactly in the final look structions exactly in the final look and it is would throw in the towel when look the look and it is small due to him. their dustiest copies of the Swimming Times for details of the last Englishwoman to hold national records for all the competitive freestyle distances at the same time. So far they have not come up with an

months into her fifteenth year, a fact which is belied by her physical appearance than by her aquatic achievements, for swimming, with its great emphasis on technique and fitness rather no means unusual within the than sheer strength, is particularly suited to the spawning of youthful champions.

When we spoke earlier this week before her departure for excellent job with Cheryl," says Holland and the Six Nations Coach of the Year and former Holland and the Six Nations Tournament today and tomorrow, it was apparent that the publicity following her three days of record-breaking last weekend had taken its toll. She was as unsettled and apprehensive as her conversation was muted and monosyllabic. She loosened up considerably, however, after we had placed her performances in an international perspective, for clearly she is perturbed by what she imagines the public may expect of her.

all due to him.

"He convinced me I could be the first to break 60 for the 100 metres at the National last year, and that really started it. We do about 10,000 yards a week of the started and the started an day, in the morning and even-ing. I like the training, but not when I do bad times and Frank shouts at me. He really Miss Brazendale also blows his top. I get really happens to be a mere two mad and feel like hitting him, and on the next repetition (timed swim) I say I hate him, I hate him' as each hand goes into the water."

Although such a training at-

mosphere may seem a little fraught to the layman, it is by tough discipline of 2th etic preparation, where love-hate relationships are the norm rather than the exception. "Frank Naylor has done an

British Olympic coach Hamilton Bland, who knows them both very well. "He is very much a father figure to Cheryl, particularly since the death of her grandfather who, with his wife, had looked after Cheryl since she was a baby. We coaches are all hard on our swimmers, but no coach They must want to do it, and invariably they drive themselves to the limit as much for the coach as for themselves-

"Cheryl is a good pupil. Sha at she imagines the public doesn't say too much, but she issens well. Her pacing was not too good in the heats last

they lost touch leaders."

Naylor's own performance in the land of th

naturally into the two-best to front crawl technique which a ton has brought her success and the control of the she also wants to work hard.

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Cheryl needs to improve about 5 per cent on all amount to be a genuinely world-class little end? performer. But she has beet little end?

training for only three years in femiler Felicuse
and is still constantly improving in Sounds does not her ar this year's European in the world's top 25 next long in the world's top

Roger Berthoud

Federalism: the

German model

Sir, My colleague Lord Crowther-

Hunt returns to the theme (April 12) that devolution is the key to

changing the whole system of gov-eroment. On the form of devolution

ernment. On the form of devolution he suggests once more that "we have so much to learn from the experience of West Germany". That may be so, but his first two recommendations do not suggest that he really grasps the substantial rule changes which would have to be made if anything like the German federal model were to be adopted—and I stress rule changes as opposed to regigning the machi-

as opposed to re-jigging the machi-nery of government.

First, the Devolution Bill would

not have to be modified in order

to give a clearer definition of the

powers devolved to Scotland and Wales. On the contrary, it would have to be amended to define the powers of the Westminster Parlia-

ment, ie, those functions in respect of which Westminster would have

exclusive powers or would be able

to legislate for subsequent imple-

mentation by the provincial governments. On the German analogy only education, the structure of local government and police would remain as more or less autonomous areas of provincial "sovereignty".

With regard to his second recommendation there would he asset

mendation there would be no need to worry much about Scottish, Welsh or English regional powers to tax. Instead we would need an

apportionment system under which revenues would be shared out with some regard being paid to the yield in the areas in which they were

Only on the third recommenda-tion, devolution all round, does the implied comparision with West

Germany come near to the mark.

Certainly a German constitutional lawyer could not envisage a patch-work of different devolution schemes: the logic of a federal con-

stitution requires application of the

same principles for the distribution

of powers to the whole national

territory.

The key to understanding German federalism lies in two factors, to both of which I paid some attention in Research Paper No 1 prepared for the Kilbrandon Commission. One is the presence of a coherent public

is the presence of a coherent public law structure and the other is the

principle of a horizontal division between law making (extensively a national responsibility but with Länder participation through the Federal Council) and administration of law which pasts to a large extension.

of law which rests to a large extent with the provincial governments and local authorities. But the two con-

ditions are interdependent in fact

and theory.

The horizontal separation of

responsibilities which ensures the

dispersion of government activity which Lord Crowther-Hunt so ardenly recommends for the United

Kingdom is inconceivable without the system of public law through

which it is expressed. For a West

German the narrow specificity and the verbal redundancy of the Devolution Bill is incomprehensible in what purports to be a major "constitutional" measure. So,

"constitutional" measure. So, equally, is the notion of a pattern of constitutional relationships in which courts play no significant part

The fact is that the exercise of

powers cannot be dispersed or devolved effectively in this country

unless we are prepared to draft the relevant law differently. This means at a minimum enunciating principles more clearly, recognizing the necessity of arbitration by courts more

frequently than at present, and reconciling ourselves to the idea

that the government and Parliament

in London do not always know best. We would all do well to forget the

machinery of government for a while and concentrate instead on

the rules: if they cannot be changed, nothing else can be.

From the Master of Corpus Christi

Sir, The remarks about Yugoslavia contained in Bernard Levin's article

broader base than the thoughts of one individual and his authorized

interpreters. Once this fact is grasped, the issue of the succession

to President Tito assumes lesser proportions, though no doubt many

political difficulties will be involved. After President Tito's retirement

or death, no doubt the Yugoslav system and political philosophy will be continuously adapted, as in the

past, to new circumstances. But

past, to new circumstances. But whether or not we approve of the system, it has grown deep roots in Yugoslavia and is not just the ephemeral product of a brown or a

Yours faithfully,

Oxford, April 13.

NEVIL JOHNSON, Nuffield College,

College, Cambridge

Yugoslav succession

actually raised.

From Mr Nevil Johnson

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MR CARTER'S CAUTION

press ahead with his proposals to cut personal and corporate taxation in the United States may well prove to be one of those decisions, taken early in a period of office, which will give a particular character to the whole of his administration. The relief with which the decision has at once been greeted by the financial markets is a measure of the unease with which the President's utterances on economic subjects have been viewed in those quar-ters. The President was faced with the classic dilemma of current economic policy, the issue of whether priority should be given to reducing unemployment or to containing inflation. In his elec-tion campaign and during his early weeks in office the rhetoric was clearly in favour of running the risks on the side of inflation. At the first actual fence, however, the President has clearly decided to jump safe.

Unquestionably, political fac-tors have played a major part in the President's decision to eat his promises of a \$50 rebate for each tax-payer. In part these have been of the institutional kind. It has always been difficult for any administration to make fiscal adjustments to the American economy. Taxation and expenditure changes in either direction have proved in the past difficult to get through the Congress in the form, of the amount, or with the timing that the President of the day has thought wise. In this case the prospect of a long, possibly losing battle with the Senate will have served to reinforce the views within his inner circle of economic advisers firmly out of recession and to

which have been opposed to the taxation policy.

The fuller details of the President's economic thinking, revealed yesterday in his public remarks on inflation, energy, prices and incomes will also have had the effect of reassuring his more conservative critics. The very weak performance of the

dollar in foreign exchange markets this year has been the tangible evidence of the psycho-logical impact of the Carter undertakings that he would "get America back to work ". In the short term there will

doubtless be some disappoint-ment in this country and in others facing prolonged economic difficulties that the United States contribution to a higher level of world trade will be, as a result, somewhat lower. In the longer run, however, the most damaging development of all for the western industrial world would be an acceleration of the rate of inflation in the United States. That would be a further destabilization of the system from which we should all suffer for a decade

It cannot, however, be denied that the changed emphasis of American policy is the last and most important of a series of events which substantially alters the basis on which the world economic summit at Downing Street next month will be held. The hope of many, not least the British Government, was that the Downing Street meetings would go far towards creating a framework of international economic cooperation in which the stronger economies undertook further economic expansion in order to lead the industrial world more

provide the basis on which countries in balance of payments deficit could improve their position. Without some such action, a better balance between the economic performances of the major industrial countries is not possible, for in the system as a whole one country's surplus must necessarily be another country's deficit.

Each of the three countries in the best position to play such an expansionist role, if it chose, West Germany, the United States and Japan, now looks increasingly unprepared to make it the basis of its own domestic economic policy. The determination to maintain resistance to inflation as the overriding priority evidently remains strongest in the case of Germany. The impact on the rest of the world of the German economic recovery will be even less helpful in the sense that it seems certain once again to be led not by growth of domestic demand, but by a net increase in exports, thus increasing deficits in the system elsewhere.

Against this background the Downing Street summit will need to concentrate on two aspects of international economic policy. The first is how, in the absence of any substantial general growth in world economic activity, the financing problems of the deficit industrial countries can be acceptably met and a slide into beggar-my-neighbour protectionism avoided. The second is the even more acute financial problem of those parts of the developing world which do not have oil and which have therefore been effectively bankrupted by the recent shift in energy

IF NO CONFERENCE, A REFERENDUM

Dr Owen's visit to Africa would cussing a proposal than talking in have been incomplete if he had not added Rhodesia to the itinerary. He provisionally included it at the outset, the proviso being that Mr Smith's reactions in South Africa should be reasonbly encouraging. Apparently Dr)wen felt they were, and the two nen are meeting again in Salisory. Mr Smith has his own political fish to fry by getting the British Foreign Secretary to thodesia, and, typically, after the visit was announced, he told Rhodesians that they should not expect much of it. He has thus hedged all bets, but Dr Owen should by now know what to

expect from his adversary. What is important is that Dr Owen should see as many Rhodesians other than Mr Smith as possible, notably the rival ministers and Rhodesian Front bosses African spokesmen of the rival black factions as time allows. It is his business to assess the divisions in Rhodesia.

Originally Dr Owen's visit was described as a fact-finding one. Instead he has gone to try out a specific idea: a conference to work out a constitution for an independent Zimbabwe under majority rule, such a constitution to come into effect by Act of Parliament in 1978 as agreed by the Africans in Geneva. But apparently the mechanism for the actual transfer of power, which destroyed the Geneva conference, will not be discussed. This plan sounds like the American formula "if we had some eggs we could have ham and eggs if we had some ham". However, if a minister is making a tour to assess the disputants' positions, it may be better to do so by dis-

Religious broadcasts

Sir, Michael Church suggests in his

review of Everyman (April 11) that

I "should certainly take hope" from the abolition of the traditional

Sunday "God-slot" on BBC tele-vision. I certainly take hope from

the apparent uneasiness among those responsible for religious broadcasting, but I certainly don't see how the new late-evening Every-

man is an improvement on the old

early evening Anno Domini. At least the former was an openly religious programme, whereas the latter is presending to be something else, with its offensive title and its presenting to appare the latter is presented to appare the latter is presented to appare the latter is presented to appare the latter is the latter is presented to appare the latter is the latter is the latter is the latter is appared to the latter is the latter is

tensions to openness. Humanists

welcome any programme, religious or otherwise, which treats serious subjects seriously, but they object to the system in which such pro-

grammes are controlled and produced by specifically religious

In reply to Mr Church's question, the editor of the New Humanist cannot "take his trumpets and look for new citadels round which to march" so long as the old citadel

of religious privilege on radio and television still stands, even when it is disguised with attractive

NICOLAS WALTER,

Big or little end?

subject.

Editor, New Humanist, 88 Islington High Street, N1.

From Miss Jennifer Fellows Sir. Major Sturdy does not, I fear, "remember correctly" (letter,

"remember correctly" (letter, April 12), that a dispute as to the end at which an egg should properly be broken was the cause of a war in The Rose and the Ring: it is in Gulliver's Travels that

such an incident occurs—the dis-

putants being the Lilliputians and

the Biefuscans, and eleven thousand

people being propared to lay down their lives for their beliefs on this

I entirely egree with Major

Sturdy as to the comparative fracility of the shells of battery-produced eggs. The best means of

From Mr Nicolas Walter

a vacuum.

If not too disillusioned by Geneva the Africans might be attracted by Dr Owen's idea in the hope that, as Britain and the United States would co-sponsor it, they could claim that the sponsors were morally bound to enforce an agreed plan. This would imply enforcing a mechanism of transfer—the socalled interim stage. With this as their real goal the Africans might agree on the constitution pro forma.

The initial response has not been encouraging, though Dr Owen has rightly refused to sound discouraged. But on the record, Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo of the Patriotic Front backed by the black Presidents have told him that Zimbabwe can only get black rule by war; who surround him, the non-Front Mr Sithole has said a conference Hime Smith cannot be coerced by it; and Bishop Muzorewa is still convinced that the right step is a referendum on his terms under Anglo-American aegis. The frontline presidents have not rejected the conference, but they are meeting in Luanda on priority business for stepping up the guerrilla offensive, and strengthening the Patriotic Front and its claims on the blacks

inside Rhodesia. So, even if a conference could be convened in a new atmosphere, the war goes on. There is now no sign that South Africa will again cut off supplies, and therefore there will be no pressure, other than that which the guerrillas can exert, on the Rhodesian Front to give in. Mr Smith has indicated that he is prepared to look at his own position on the Kissinger pack-

preventing an egg from cracking when boiled is to prick the shell at the larger end—if the smaller end

is pierced, the egg-white tends to escape during cooking. I have not

found other suggested preventive measures—such as the addition of

sale or vinegar to the water-com-

Sir, I am a Jewish student of Anglo-

Jewish history. In the course of my

studies I came across a book on

Anglo-Jewry written by a German

Nazi who published it in 1943) The

book was the fruit of extensive

research carried on in London be-

tween 1934 and 1939. It is of course

written from an anti-semitic angle

and it requires a thorough critical

analysis which I am hoping to under-

do foreigners enjoy a century of

under due safeguards, can be justi-fied by a demonstrably legitimate

interest

Harrow,

Yours faithfully.

19 Thurlby Close,

Kenton Road,

C, ARONSFELD,

nunity—even when an exception,

For this purpose I shall also have

parable in efficacy to this.

Yours faithfully, JENNIFER FELLOWS,

100 years immunity

From Mr C. C. Aronsfeld

10A Flamsteed Road,

Cambridge.

age again-everyone else, as he puts it, having reneged. But that commits him to nothing The major influence on the course of diplomacy remains the war, just as Mr Mugabe asserts—though it does not follow that Mr Mugabe will win it. The conference plan has

attractions for Mr Smith. inasmuch as it keeps him centre stage, and so gives his own doubters and critics a sense that a peaceful settlement is still possible—which might lessen the rate of white-emigration. It has also an advantage for Dr Owen: it demonstrates that he has done his utmost with the situation bequeathed to him by Dr Kissinger and Mr Ivor Richard. If some sort of conference-or series such as is vaguely hinted at-does come off, at least the appearance of negotiation will remain, even if the guns talk more, decisively.

If it does not come off, it may then be open to Dr Owen to look again at the possibility that has been ruled out by the British government—a referendum to select a black leader. It has been ruled out because the British and Americans do not want to clash with the frontline Presidents who reject Bishop Muzorewa. Perhaps at this stage they should not. But a beginning has to be made with process that would produce a black team endowed with an authority which would compel Mr Smith to negotiate rather than prevaricate. Events have gone so far that even the emergence of such a black authority would not end the fighting. Yet it alone will produce an alternative to fighting, and so set political forces in motion to end

Compounding the felony

From Sir David Croom-Johnson Sir, Your Agricultural Correspondent (The Times, April 4, page 14) writes of one minister "compounding the felony" of another minister. From its context, he really meant to say that the situation had been made worse and not (as he was actually saying) condoned.

The recent fashion (even to be

met, Sir, in your own leading articles) of using the verb "to compound" in this entirely new sense of "to make worse" or "to increase" is one which I have so for failed to find in any dictionary. It may have had its origin in a misunderstanding of what is meant by "compound interest" where the interest is mixed or combined with the principal sum, but I do not know. It is jargon and not good

In the present instance it has led your correspondent into saying the opposite to what he intended. Yours sincerely. DAVID CROOM-JOHNSON, 28 Rutland Street, SW7. April 5.

For this purpose I shall also have to consider the person of the author (who wrote under a pseudonym). I know a good deal about him, and a relevant fact in this context is that he was expelled from this country in May 1939. I am naturally anxious to know the reason but the Home Office informs me that the records relating to people like this German Nazi are "closed to public inspection for a period of 100 years by an order under Section 5(1) of the Public Records Act, 1958". I should like to query this rule if (as appears) it admits of no exception. Britons go unprotected after 30 years when documents about them can be published. Why, then, do foreigners enjoy a century of Metternich's journey

From Dr C. A. Macartney, FBA

Sir, Your second leader of today's date (April 12). Metternich did not leave Vienna in a kundry basket. From his office in the Ballhaus-platz he walked across on the mornparace of March 14 to the nearby parace of Count Ludwig Taaffe. Prince Karl Liechtenstein then pro-vided him with a carriage, in which the was driven to the Prince's castle of Feldsberg. The laser journey to England (for which Baron Rothschild paid) was uncomfortable, but not humiliating. Mesternich travelled by train, under a false passport. I have the honour to remain, etc. C. A. MACARTNEY, Hornbeams. Boars Hill,

April 12.

April 14.

Mebyon Kernow

The Master's Lodge, Corpus Christi College,

DUNCAN WILSON,

I am, Sir, Yours faithfully,

red book.

St Mawes,

Cornwall

Артіі 13.

From Mr Philip Sharp Sir, You report on the front page of your issue yesterday that an organization called Mebyon Kernow or Sous of Cornwall, who want home rule for the County, have voted to take over the Cornish lands of The Prince of Wales and put them under the Control of a Cornish taxable the control of a Cornish Assembly. Having lived in Cornwall since 1938, I feel that it would be a great pity if The Prince of Wales and the public generally were given the impression that such crack-brained schemes represented the views of other than an insignificant minority of the people of Cornwall Yours faithfully. PHILIP SHARP,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Devising a fair electoral system

From Mr Richard Holme Sir, The nub of Mr Butt's argument against proportional representation for the Westminster Parliament (article, April 14) is that govern-mental policies should be susceptible to change "hook line and sinker if

to change "hook line and sinker if they fail and if the electorate wishes". But what constitutes failure and but what constitutes tallite and how are the electors' wishes to be ascertained? Must we assume that the 60 per cent plus of the electorate who vote for parties that don't "win" are defeated and that their parties have "failed"? The obverse of the same artitude is that a "winning" party with under 40 per cent of the vote has a mandate to reverse the policies of its predecessor and implement its manifesto in total.

Thus "first past the post" voting leads the country by the nose along a very crooked path. Negotiation, compromise and stability are eschewed and partisanship rules the day. A proportional representation system on the other hand would simply ensure that only policies and governments supported by the majority of voters had any real chance of success.

This may be grey centrism to Mr
Butt but British voters like the
idea. In an ORC poll published last
week 74 per cent said that it would
be a good idea if a new system of
voting was brought in "so that the
number of sasts a name wins in a number of seats a party wins in an election is in proportion to the number of votes it gets in an elec-tion". Only 13 per cent thought it was a bad idea! Yours fairhfully,

RICHARD HOLME, Director, National Committee for Electoral Reform, 12 Upper Belgrave Street, SW1. April 15.

From Mr Tim Rathbone, MP for Lewes (Conservative) Sir, it is ironic, yet appropriate, that Ronald Butt's advocacy of our present first-past-the-post system

of election to Westminster in your paper today is faced by Lord Hailsham's clear and most specific letter pointing out the weaknesses of that system.

Where Ronald Butt argues for

the presumed clarity of a simple yes/no vote by electors, Lord Hailsham points out how this leads to elective dictatorship. Can Ronald Butt have forgotten the fact that less than 30 per cent of the electorate voted for our present Govern-As I have claimed before in your

columns, choice at the hustings is no choice at all if it is not reflected in a Government which represents reasonably accurately the choice which has been made—a choice

which Ronald Butt correctly claims to be important to the proper opera-tions of any democracy.

But to claim further that a sys-tem of election appropriate to the very different circumstances of an assambly in Europe (or devolved assembly in Europe (or devolved assemblies in this country) is in-appropriate to the needs of our own national Parliament is really own national Parliament is really forcing the argument. Particularly this is so when it can no longer be claimed that our present electoral method is well designed to sustain a Cabiner executive through a reasonably long Parliament. The spatched-together Lib/Lab relationship based on neither joint power not joint responsibility.

joint power nor joint responsibility, bears wimess.

It must be going too far to apply to Ronald Butt Lord Hailsham's criticism of Mr Bennion's letter— "showing an ignorance of political history as well as a certain insensitivity to political actuality". He has only had to read your own columns in recent months to appreciate how wide of the mark his arguments fall.

The increasing number of people, inside Parliament and outside, who are now advocating an active and energetic search for improvements to our electoral system, are motivated not by false comparisons with other systems but by a growing awareness of the basic weaknesses now apparent in our own. Lord Hailsham's warning of an "elective dictatorship" is horribly pertinent; we overlook it at our peril.

Yours sincerely, J. R. RATHBONE.

House of Commons. April 14.

From Mr Damian Green Sir, Mr Ronald Butt, in his article of April 14, is basing his argument against electoral reform on a false premise if he believes that voters are genuinely asked to choose between two competing prospective governments.

In most constituencies, because of the crudity of our present system, the answer which the voter will be deemed to have given is already a foregone conclusion, and his vote is therefore practically use-less. It is also specious of Mr Burt to argue that the present system encourages "the clear parliamentary verdict the elector wants". The over-sensitivity to "swing" of the first-past-the-post system entails the exact opposite: that the elector often gets a clear parliamentary verdict he did not want. Yours sincerely, DAMIAN GREEN, Balliol College,

Divorce procedures From Mr Nicholas Tyndall

Sir, The Bishop of Durham (April 9) has reason to be concerned about present trends in divorce proceed ings. However, this latest extension of the simplified procedure for undefended divorces reflects the in-ability of the courts since 1971 to apply the concept of the irretriev-able breakdown of marriage on any criteria other than the opinion of

The old procedures in practice did not provide any safeguards for the quarter of a million adults divorcing each year, and it was very questionable whether the court setting was the best one in which to consider fully the interests of the children involved.

It is vitally important that the new procedures should enable adequate consideration of ancilliary matters. In particular, time should be given to planning not only for the material provision for the children but also for the understanding the complicated set of future relationships within which the ex-spouses and their children are likely to have to relate. And it is to be hoped that, with the removal of the critical act of appearance in court in front of a judge, more regard may be had by spouses to the potential help available from should be a multidisciplinary team of solicitor, welfare officer

and marriage counsellor. The spouses themselves will de-cide whether or not their marriage has broken down. But the word "irretrievable" suggests that for many couples there is a third possibility in addition to the yes or no option, namely that their relationship may be improved with external help to such an extent that it becomes tolerable.

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This is often difficult to appreciate. Marriage counsellors are sur-prised at the changes in some relationships, which is perhaps why I am not surprised by Mr Green-wood's client who rang to cancel her divorce proceedings. Availability of legal aid is only one of

the many considerations in divorce. Writing in 1948, when the divorce rate was only half the present one, Dr Henry Dicks talked of divorce reaching "epidemic proportions". Epidemics require far more skil!, time, understanding and cooperation from all the relevant practitioners than were available under the old procedures. We will have achieved a lot if these new pro-cedures result in more profitable use of these scarce resources. Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS TYNDALL, Chief Officer, The National Marriage Guidance Council, Herbert Gray College, Little Church Street,

kugby. April 10.

Aircraft noise

on Spain (The Times, April 13), and the implication of the illustra-From Mr Kenneth Warren, MP for tions to it, are widely off the mark.
President Tito of course remains a Hastings (Conservative) Sir. The Chairman of the Local man of power, but to suggest that he wields "absolute power" reveals ignorance of Yugoslav political Authorities Aircraft Noise Council and others (letters, April 12), spoil a reasonable case against aircraft theory and practice. Similar ignor-ance is revealed by the remarks about the succession issue. The political philosophy embodied in the present Yugoslav system has a much noise with bad evidence. Their diversions into comparisons between Heathrow, Amsterdam and Copenhagen are not relevant because of the difference in the demands for air transport at each. It was certainly surprising to find that one who signed the letter with the distinguished name of "Angus McGeoch" wrote that Scotland still has "no major international gate-way" after 35 years of service of

Prestwick in that role. I cannot see the need to wait for some woolly "sensible long-term airport strategy". Quieter engines are needed quickly. The technology to produce them exists, but airlines

are not going to invest in them unless they are forced to. The United States Government has decreed a time scale for decreasing civil engine noise levels which engine manufacturers say they can meet. There is no reason why the British Government should not introduce parallel legislation, but for their current lack of will to anything constructive. A failure to saything constructive. A failure to set noise targets soon in the United Kingdom could rebound on Rolk-Royce exports and deter our aircraft designers who have quiet airliners on their drawing boards.

The question will arise as to who should pay for the considerable investment required; the passenger, or the taxpayer. I feel it is or the taxpayer. I feel it is the responsibility of the paying passenger not to disturb others, rather than all taxpayers paying for a quiet life for some. Yours faithfully, KENNETH WARREN, House of Commons.

Roots

From Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk Sir, Genealogists, while commiserating with Alex Haley on Mark Ottaway's pruning of his Roots in Onaway's pruning of his Roots in detail, must nevertheless congraulate him on a splendid feet in uncovering them at all. Mr Ortaway himself, while reasonably doubting that Mr Haley's enslaved ancestor was kidnapped from Juffure on the Gambia river, tells us that "The Kinges mostly live in the former kingdom of Baddibu, which begins about 20 miles up river from about 20 miles up river from Juffure". To have got within 20 miles of his ancestral homeland, out of the whole vast continent of Africa, is an incredible feat. However, Mr Haley is 100 modest. There's a mistaken tendency to think

of black Africans as having no deteable history. His African heritage is not merely the primitive Fallen Eden (with predators feline and human) of the current TV film Roots. H's Marcinka forefrihers were a great nation who traditionally invoded West Africa from the Sylvan in the East on borseback about the 900s, and were known to Arab historians by the 1100s. Their Muslim empire of Mali west of the

Niger was expanding before the reiga of Baramindana. c. 1213-1235, included Timbuktu and was at its height in the 14th and 15th cen-turies, and their Mansa or Sovereign wa; still powerful enough to receive a trade ambassador from the Portuguese in 1534. The Mandinka had abolished cannibalism throughout their conquests and, even when split into they warring kingdoms, over-thrown by the Soughoi and pushed down into the rain forest, were still important on the Gambia when Mr Haley's forefather was capticed in the 18th century. Their celebra-ted love of music served Mr Haley well, since the Mandinka word ko applied by his enslaved ances or

to a stringed instrument was a clust in the quest. But genealogists would like to know if Kinte (as I suppose) is a generic clan name like MacLeod, however scattered, or if (with their known tradition as blacksmiths) it's simply an occupational surname like Smith?

Yours truly. IAIN MONCPEIFFE OF THAT ILK, Albany Herald, Easter Moncreiffe. Perthshire. April 13.

Curbing football hooliganism

From the Secretary of The Magistrates Association Magistrates' Association

Sir, Following disgraceful violence
at a football match the Minister of
State for Sport and Recreation was
reported in your issue of April 13
to have criticized court decisions in
a way that Ministers normally avoid
because of the independence of the judiciary. He also said: "The use of detention and attendance centres seems to have more merir than in-adequate fines." People can only be punished for what they are proved to have done. Two of the defendants were charged and con-victed under section 54 of the Metropolitan Police Act 1839 for using insulting words, for which the maximum fine is £20 which was imposed. The other defendants were charged with criminal damage under the Criminal Damage Act 1971 and each fined £40 and appropriate compensation.

The Minister is right, however. Detention, and especially attendance centres, should be used more in this connexion. Why are they not? Courts must first ascertain whether places are available in the hard pressed detention centres and only then do they commit young men there. If the courts use their legal power to send them willy-nilly, the Home Office has threatened to withdraw the availability of detention centres from such courts. In any case the Children and Young Persons Act 1969 empowered the Home Secretary to abolish them, though unfortunately the need makes this quite impractical. However, the last Home Secretary did his best by increasing from one third to one half the automatic remission (save for serious mis-conduct) for 14-17 year olds in junior detention centres.

Attendance centres were set up under the Criminal Justice Act 1948. In the 29 years since then some 60 junior attendance centres (for those aged 14-17) have been set up in England and Wales and only two senior attendance centres (for those aged 17-21). This Association has long usual the more serior tion has long urged that more senior attendance centres should be established as a means of occupying football hooligans on subsequent Saturdays. As long ago as October 1972 our Annual General Meeting asked the Government to undertake an assessment of senior attendance centres with a view to their possible extension. In November 1974 this Association sent the Home Office a memorandum on Young Adult Offenders, saying: "Attendance centres would be appropriate for those who cannot pay fines but do not need community service orders or the skilled help of the probation service. They would be particularly useful as suitable reporting centres for football hooligans, providing punishment without loss of job and also prevention of further troublemaking on succeeding Saturdays, Attendance centres (which should be available for those over 21) would have wide public acceptance and support, and should be considered as a matter of urgency for the in-creasing offences arising from football hooliganism." In November 1975 our Council urged the Government to consider extending the 270 range and expanding Senior Attende facilities to a level rha will enable the courts to deal promptly and effectively with foothall and other hooligans. Mr Roy Jenkins replied at length (sending a copy to the Minister of State for Sport and Recreation) deferring a decision and saying: I do not think the attendance centre is the answer where adults are concerned."

Perhaps Mr Howell should ralk to his Government colleagues rather than to the courts. It is for the Government to provide the facilities which the courts have long needed for the protection of the public. Yours truly,

A. J. BRAYSHAW, Secretary.
The Magistrates' Association, 28 Fitzroy Square, W1. April 14.

The European Anthem

From Mr Bernard Keeffe

Sir, I have recently had occasion to find out the official position of the European Anthem, in connection with a forthcoming concert. Music libraries, enquiry bureaus, and other sources could tell me nothing. I enquired of the Department of Education and Science (Arts), the Protocol Section of the Foreign Office, and the information service of the London office of the EEC. but none of them had even heard of the existence of such an anthem. For their information, and for anyone else, official or otherwise, the European Anthem, based on the theme of the last movement of Beethoven's 9th Symphony, was formally adopted by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Furope in January 1972. PEPNARD KEEFFE,

153 Honor Oak Road, SE23. April 6.

Index-linked votes From Dr Alexander Cooke

Sir. Whatever the rights and wrongs index-linked public-service pensions, governments should remem-ber that these pensioners muster a million votes, and that their numbers increase relatively and absolutely every year. Beware of Senile Power I Yours faithfully. ALEXANDER COOKE.

Grove Cottage, St Cross Road, Oxford. April 6.

Laughing bishops

From The Rev Dr William Strawson Sir. Whenever newly consecrated hishops are photographed with the Archbishop the whole party appears to be convulsed with laughter. What is the joke? Is it an episcopal pun known only to our fathers in God? Or a demonstration of the church hilarious? Or do rochets tickle when first put on? Yours faithfully. WILLIAM STRAWSON,

Handsworth. 32 Nanthorpe. Bourne, Lincolnshire,

Ringer Beit

form the tasks and functions

trast to a social concept like

Anglican or Baptist church

personal sense of distance from

the historical constraints and

problems of the church that

provides it. The "Christian

church", since it cannot have a

revival like concrete institu-

to in these days. No one is

likely to produce threatening

There is a fifth approach

sometimes advocated - prayer.

statistics about its decline.



COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE

April 15: The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the British Amateur Athletic Board, this evening at Windsor Castle received memoria of the European Athletic Associa-tion Council.

The Prince of Wales this morn-

ing at Buckingham Palace pre-sided at a meeting of The Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal Youth In-volvement Committee. The Queen was represented by

the Duke of Northumberland at the Memorial Service for the Duke of Portland which was held in South-well Minster today.

CLARENCE HOUSE April 15: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was represented by Major Sir Ralph Austructure, Bt. at the Memorial Service for the Duke of Portland which was held in Southwell Minster roday. KENSINGTON PALACE

April 15: Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester was present at the Memoriai Service for the Duke of Portland which was held in Southwell Minster today.

Queen Margrothe II of Denmark celebrates her birthday today. A thanksgiving service for the life of Mr Ronald Farron Sumner will he held at St Vedast-alias-Foster, Foster Lane. EC2. on Tuesday, April 19, 1977, at 1.15 pm.

Birthdays today

Lord Aberconway, 64; Mr Kingsley Amis, 55; Captain Sir Cecil Boyd-Rochfort, 90; Sir Charles Chaplin, 83; Lieutenant-General Sir John Glubb, 80; Sir Laurence Grafftey-Smith, 85; Sir Albert Mumford, 74; Lord Plant, 77; Sir Edward Salisbury, 91; Miss Constance Shacklock, 64; Sir Edmond Stockdale, 74; Mr Peter Ustinov, 56; Sir Douelas Waring, 73. Stockdale, 74; Mr Peter Valudy, 56: Str Douglas Waring, 73.

TOMORROW: Mrs S. Bandararaike, 61; Professor the Rey L. E. Browne, 90; the Right Rev Dr M. H. Harland, 81; Lord Piurenden, 60; Sir Vincent Wigglesworth, 78; the Right Rev J. Yates, 52.

Today's engagements

Exhibition: The Qashqai of Iran. life and arts of nomadic tribe Horniman Museum, Forest Bill, 10.30-6.30. Second World War aircraft exhibi-Skyfame Staverton Aircraft airport, Cheltenham, 11-5.
Lecture: Woodland Life in Britain, British Museum (Natural History), 3.

Tomorrow

Exhibition: Wealth of the Roman World, gold and silver, AD200-700, British Museum, 2.30-6. Exhibition: 75 years of British submarines, National Maritime Nuseum Greenwich, 2.30-6. Lecture: The modern collection, Russian painting, Tate Gallery,

London walk: Royal palaces and the Queen's men, meet St James's Park station, park side,

Bryanston School

The Summer Term begins today. Mr F. J. Bristow takes over as Mr F. J. Bristow takes over as housemaster of Dorchester House. The confirmation service will be conducted by the Right Rev Launcelot Fleming on Sunday, May 8. Mr Robert Bolt will be the guest speaker on speech day, Friday. May 27. The school play on Thursday, May 26, will be Shake-speare's The Comedy of Errors. Term ends on Friday, July 8.

Charterhouse

The Cricket Quarter begins tomorrow. J. F. Lloyd is head of school. G. E. St. J. Hardy is deputy head of school. N. H. L. Sellars is captain of cricket. The exeat starts on Friday, June 3, and ends on Wednesday June 3. Old Carthuslan Day is on Saturday, July 9. The quarter ends on Tuesday July 12.

University news Salford

The university is to confer the following honorary degrees at con-gregations to be held this summer: pregations to be need this solutions; of aliman of ward and Goldstone, Salford; Dr Walter Marshell, FRS, Director of the Atomic Inergy Research Establishment, Harwell: Academician Lev Semyonovich Pontryagin. mathematician: Professor Robert Sicel. Principal of University Colloge, Swansea: Mr Lione I Len Warray general secretary, IUC. DList: Miss Isobet Ballbe, singer; Mr Hernid Riboy, aribs.

South Bank Polytechnic

Appointments

B. Walters to be head of school of instancies at and administrative studies. Promotions to principal lecturer: M. Young. construction lecthnology: Mrs. B. Hierison sectology: W.T. F. Hand, mechanical and perdoculon engineering: G. F. Bowden, law.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Latest appointments include:

Dr Michael Grant, formerly vicechancellor of Queen's University,
Belfast, to be president of the
Classical Association.

Mr Sidney J. Miller, deputy head
of Bridgwater Hall School, Milton
Keynes, and formerly head of the
classics department at Eton
College, to be headmaster of
Kingston Grammar School.



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How the clergy respond to the signs of decline

Christianity the present decline

ments for and against the sur-

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A fourth group of the clergy

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otherwise stable history.

The ecumenical approach is to secularization. They acknowl any organized version of it, as regard church unity as the solucide the seriousness of the if Christianity, as a disembodied tion. This implies a basically problem, but in the time-span of reality, could nevertheless pertion. This implies a basically optimistic view of the latent Not many years ago, a plausible case could still be made for the survival of the Christian churches. The writing was on the wall, it is true, but not on everyone's wall. In the 1950s, many Protestant Christianity of the secular world. The demand is there; all that is needed is the organ-1950s, many Protestant churches could still command respect and Roman Catholicism looked set for another few centuries at least. Even 10 years ago, statistics of decline could be shrugged off as symptomatic of the cultural

anarchy of the time. Things

would change

decline :

Forthcoming

and Miss C. M. Mann

Mr M. Caspari and Miss H. Lewis-Jones

Mr W. J. Coker and Miss R. E. Pull

The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs Edgar Coker, of Wellingbor-

ough Road, Northampton, and Elaine, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Pull, of Ringstead, Norfolk.

The engagement is announced between Rodney, younger son of Mr and Mrs D. G. S. Jameson, of March Furlong, Warborough,

Oxfordshire, and Clare, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs P. J. Agins, of Thickets, Hinksey Hill Top, Oxford.

and Miss D. J. Brown

Mr J. C. McAndrew

Mr J. Morray and Miss C. M. Dodds

Mr A. R. Peachey and Miss E. A. U. Payne

Mr R. W. Thomas

Latest wills

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs J. J. Murray, 12 Longstone Close, Beadnell. Chathill, Northumber-

land, and Christine Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. E. Dodds, of Whiteoaks, Woolsington

and Miss E. A. U. Payne
The engagement is announced
between Anthony Robert, son of
the late Mr and Mrs E. W.
Peachey, and Elizabeth Ann
Ursula, eldest daughter of Mr and
Mrs R. H. Payne, of Field Barn,
Boughton, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs F. W. Thomas, of St Brelade, Jersey, Channel Islands, and Rozanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Rosenthall, of Durban, South Africa.

and Miss R. B. Rosenthall

Residue to charities

Mrs Florence Ruebner Fordyce, of Worthing, left £69,140 net. After various bequests she left the residue equally between the Worthing Society for the Blind. Worthing and District Council of Social Service, Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Homelets, Worthing, the Salvation Army. Worthing, and the Musicians' Benevolent Fund.

Mr Perry Gready, of Wellington.

Mr Percy Gready, of Wellington, Somerset, left £\$2.364 net. After a personal bequest he left the residue to the Mother Church of the Christian Science Trustees

for Gifts and Endowments,

Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed):

James, Mr William, of Wolver-hampton, industrialist £286,371 Quinnell, Mrs Mildred Joan, of Fawley, Hampshire ...£210,966 Norman, Mrs Phillis Manners, of Bournemouth ...£121,279 Davidson, Mr William, of Berwick-upon-Tweed .£152,833

Dayloson, Mr William, of Berwickupon-Tweed . . . £152,853
Meadowcroft, Mr Leslie, of
Mobberley, Cheshire, company
director £104,280
Moreton, Mr Maurice Fitzhardinge

Reynolds, of Milford, Sufford-shire ... £119,723

T PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC, 8; M. 10.30, Canon Evan Pilkington, TD and Ben (Steegall in B flat); HC, 21.30. Missa Actoria. Christ munera (Patestrina: Int. Christ our Patchol Lamb (Shepherd); E, 3.15, Right Rev Harold Isherwood, Mag and ND (Straton In C.), A. My beloved spake (Purcell).

Harold Isherwood, Map and ND ISUMsion in L.I. A. My beloved spake
(Purcell).
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC. 8: M.
10.30 / Olbbons, Short). If ye be fisen
(Cibbons). Canen Trevor Beeson: HG
(Sald). 11.40: Evensong 3, The Trebles
Service (Weskes). Carist is risen
again (Weekes). Rev P. Jobson: Orpan
rectal, 6.5: E. 6.50. Rev C. Hildyard.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: Cathedral Eugharist, 11 (Harris in F). A.
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Provost: Evensong, 3.30 (Stanford in
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150d affice (Locke). Ven F. M.
Towndraw.
THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL, OF THE
SAVOY (public wricomed): MP, 11.15.
TD (Stanford in B Hall. Canon Edwin
Young, A. Hold in affection Jesus
Christ (Bach): HG, 12.30.

Services tomorrow:

First Sunday after

Boston, Massachusetts.

The engagement is announced between Christopher Blake, of 47

Woodville Road, New Barnet, Hertfordshire, and Christine Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Mann, of 193 Lesmington Road,

marriages

Mr C. Blake

But things have got worse. The increasing drop in memthe drop in membership as a sign of health rather than bership of the mam Christian churches and the slow, but relentless shift of their domain decline. This is the goodriddance response: the fat is being skimmed off, the dead branches are being cut away to prepare a healthy church for a richer harvest. This is the sort of faith that Grantal the sort of competence to secular agencies indicate their gradual disengagement from society. With careers and identities invested in institutional religion, what should be the institutional of faith that created the probresponse of the clergy to the mounting evidence of its lem in the first place.

is a trough, not an irreversible process. Certainly there can be no proof that secularization is finished. The sleight-of-hand irreversible. There are arguinvolved in employing a izational strength of a monopoly. But there is little sign that a world scandalized by Christian division will once again fill the issue, however, is not the pews of a reunited church. It survival of religion but of may be that the persisting organized Christianity, and it resistance to ecumenism among requires a considerable resistlarge numbers of the clergy is also a response to a declining Reformation, the Enlighten-market—a pessimistic and more ment, nineteenth-century liberamarket—a pessimistic and more realistic response. Another approach is to see

lem in the first place.

of this temper are fond of But this is not really an alterA third group of clergy debating the future of "the native to the others. The Holy
adopts a cyclical theory of Christian church" rather than Spirit is certainly relevant to

Luncheon

High Sheriff of Greater London The High Sheriff of Greater London. Mr Dennis Titchener-Barrett, Savoy Hotel yesterday. Among present were:

those present were:

The Lord Lieutonant of Greater London. Marshat of the RAF Lord Elworthy, the Lord Mayor of Westminster. Lord Carrington. Lord Thorneyroft. Lord Chelmer, Lord Ashduwm. Sir Theo Constantine. Sir William Earl's Sir Merbest Ramos. Swaffled. But the Edward Ramos. Swaffled. But the Edward Ramos. Swaffled. But the Edward Ramos. Swaffled. But N. E. Leigh, Master L. H. Jacob, CC. Mr Aw. Ramsay. Mr David Napley. Mr J. W. Ramsay. Mr David Napley. Mr J. W. Ramsay. Mr David Napley. Mr J. W. Routhe. Commodore C. P. G. Noble, Mr Ian Jackson. Mr Ian McLeod, Mr Rassi Foldman, Mr R. N. Lowes, Mr Robert Titchener-Barrett and the Urder Sherilfs, Mr Alasteir Black and Mr Michael Hartts.

Dinners

and Miss H. Lewis-Jones
The marriage will take place in
the Chapel of the General Theological Seminary, West 20th Street,
New York City, on April 30, of
Michael, eldest son of Ambassador
and Mrs Fritz Caspari, of the
Embassy of the Federal Republic
of Germany, Lisbon, and Helen,
daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul
Lewis-Jones, of Eunismore Gardens, London, SW7. Public Schools Bursars' Association The annual dinner of the Public Schools Bursars' Association was Schools Bursars' Association was held last night at Alcuin College, York University. Mr J. C. Daukes was in the chair and the other speakers were Lord Belstead, chairman of the Governing Bodies Association and of the Independent Schools, Joint Committee, and Lieux Commander. K. Williams Schools Joint Committee, and Lieut-Commander K. Williams, Bursar of Lord Wandsworth Col-lege, Other guests included: The vice-Provost of Alcuin College, the headmistresses of Queen Margaret's School and The Mount School, York, and the headmasters of St Peter's School and Boolham School, York.

Royal Armament Research and Development Establishment The senior officers of the RARDE the semor officers of the KARDE, held a dimner night at Fort Halstead yesterday. The guests of honour were Mr Robert Hardy and Dr and Mrs Alan Owen. The director of the establishment, Mr W. B. H. Lord, presided.

Service dinners

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs M. C. Johnson, and Debora, daughter of Mr and Mrs S. A. Brown, all of Leatherhead, Surrey. Honourable Artiflery Company The fourth annual dianer of 2 Squadron, Honourable Artillery Company, diming with Veteran members of 'B' Battery, 3HQ, 4 and Yager Companies, was held last pight at Regimental Headand Miss A. E. Harbinson
The engagement is announced
between John Cbristopher, son of
Mr and Mrs J. A. McAndrew, of
Carham Close, Corbridge, Northumberland, and Anne Elizabeth,
daughter of Dr J. G. H. Harbinson
and the late Mrs I. Harbinson, of
High Mill Road, Hamsterley Mill,
Type and Wear. quarters, Armoury House. The squadron commander, Major T. F. Carpenter. HAC, presided, the principal guests were Lord Orr-Ewing and Colonel C. Powell-Smith.

RAF Administrative Brauch

The RAF Administrative Branch held their annual dinner at the RAF College, Cranwell, last night. Air Vice-Matsbal P. Turner, head of the branch, presided and the principal guests were Air Chief Marshal Sir John Alken, Air Member for Personnel, and Air Marshal Sir Rex Roe, Air Officer Commanding in Chief Training Command.

Memorial service Duke of Portland

The Queen was represented by the The Queen was represented by the Duke of Northumberland at a memorial service for the Duke of Fortland held yesterday in Southwell Minster. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was represented by Major Sir Ralph Anstruther and Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester attended. The Bishop of Southwell officiated and the Rev George Marshall read the lesson. Among those present were:

lesson. Among those present were:

Ivy Duchess of Portland (widow). Lady Anne Bentinck (doughter), the Duke and Duches of Sutherland, Lieutenant, General Sur George and Lady Gordon Lonnox, Mr and Mrs David Wemras. Lord and Lady Richard Perty High Shelf of Notingham shire. Duke of Rutland Challman, Lord Energoling (Notingham Strates). Valor Sir Charles Buchanan, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir William Staties, Sir Anthony Waharton, Allebael Nail, Lieutenant-Commander Sir William Staties, Sir Anthony Waharton, Colonel Sir William Staties, Sir Anthony Waharton, Colonel Sir Anthony Waharton, Colonel Sir William Staties, Sir Anthony Waharton, Colonel Sir Anthony Waharton, Colonel Sir William Staties, Sir Anthony Waharton, Colonel Sir William Colonel, Colonel Sir William Staties, Sir William Statie

25 years ago From The Times of Wednesday, April 16, 1952

Leonardo remembered Leonardo remembered
From a Special Correspondent
Vinci, April 15.—The national
celebrations in honour of the fifth
centenary of Leonardo da Vinci's
birth on April 15. 1452, opened
here this morning in the presence
of President Einaudi and Signor
De Gasperi, representatives of the
Chamber and Senate, and of the
diplomatic corps, civic and
ecclesiastical digilitaries and many
delegates from other lands. President Einaudi and Signor De
Gasperi both visited the small onestorey house at Anchiano, high up
the slopes of Mount Albano, where
Leonardo was born and which has Leonardo was born and which has been restored to its fifteenth-century form as a permanent memorial. Here laurel wreaths were laid before the bronze bust representing Leonardo. A visit was then made to the haptistry of Vinci where the fout in which Leonardo was haptized, recovered from long oblivion, has been, after restoration, set up and reconse-

GOVAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich gubble welcomed: HC, 8.50: 12.15: MP, II. GUARDS CMAPEL, Wellington Bar-rails HC B and moon, N, 11, Rev P. Jenum. GUARDS CHAPSE. Wellneton Bartilis HC 8 and noon. V. 11. Rev P. Denion.

HV TOWER OF LONDON: HC. 9.15:
W. 11. July 'Prince Albert'. A. Dum itrasissed Sabbatum (Tallis). The Chaplain.

TIMPLE CHURCH. Fleet Street 'public welcomed': HC. 8.30: MP. 11.15.
TD 'Bullivant in E flatt, Jub 'Thalbon-Rall in B flatt, A. Finita lam sunt procla (Lev. the Reader.

ROYAL HOSPITAL. Cheises (public admitted: HC. H.30 and noon: Parade Service, 11. A. Sing we merrily Batten). Rev J. Lall.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (public welcomed: HC. 8.30 and 12.15: M. 11. Resident Chaplain (Noble in B ininor): Easter (fibbs): E. A.30. Rev A. U. Heron (Sinnford in C., Haec der Barte).

CHAPEL ROYAL. Hampion Court Palse: public welcomed; M. 11. TD (Harris in A. Batt. A. Let us now land 'Mindy): E. 5.30. Mag and ND (Sunsion in G.). A. Lord, thou hast been our refuge (Walker).

J. W. A. Howe, Missa hrevis (Gabriell), How lovely are they dwellings (Brahmas Sept. CCHRE. Hollsom Viaduct: Sung Encharist, "15. Canon R. 19deman. HOLY TRINITY Brumpton Raad-HC. B and 12.15; HC (sung. ", Lord Mailland: M. 11, and E. 6.30, Rev C. Patterson. HAI TOKER OF LONDON: HC. 9.15:

M. 11. July 'Prince Albert': A. Dunn transisset Sabbatum (Tallis), the Capitain.

Chapitain.

lish sufficient numbers to form a viable breeding population. Nevertheless successful reintroductions have been achieved in the United Kingdom, and there is scope for more, particularly of plants into woodlands. so difficult to achieve. But there are examples, especially in Australia, of mining lands that have been restored successfully to their

been restored successfully to their original state of vegetation. The process involved careful surveys of the areas before mining, and replanting afterwards with the appropriate seeds and plants.

In the United Kingdom such procedures will be necessary when oil and gas pipelines are layed in areas of natural beauty and scientific interest. Techniques are being developed, and Professor Bradshaw believes that they will make it possible to restore original ecosystems much more faithfully than has been considered possible.

In other cases it will be necessary to bring back to an area specific animals or plants lost in

specific animals or plants lost in the past. That, however, is not always as easy as it might seem, for the conditions may no longer be entirely suitable. Thus attempts have falled to establish some rare plants of the Breckland of Fact Applia in pass size and

A. If ye be risen agair with Christ (Gibbons).

ST NANTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: Family Committeen 9.46 flow G. Walker: M. 11.12. Mr N. Ingram Smith: E 6.30. Rey A. Gouch.

ST WARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC. H and 12.30; Sinne Eucharist. 9.30, and E. G.50. Rey A. F. Davis, When the Lord (Hallen): M. 11.13. Rev J. P. Hill, The strike is o'er (Ley).

ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH!: HC. 8 and 11. Rev P. Harding (Schulering): E, 6.30.

ST MICHAELS. Chester Square: HC. ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scolland), Pont Street: Rev J. C. Goudie; 6.30 Rev P. S. Kiring.
CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland) Russell Street, Covern Garden: 11.15 Rev T. Proston: 6.30 Rev J. Miller Scoll.
THE ORATORY, SW7: SM 11. Ecce and Johannes (Palestrina); V. and B. J.-id, Mol. Christys resurgers (Lassus), ASSUMPTION Warwick St.: SM, 11. (Latina). Saumiers.
Saumiers.
ST PAULS, Wiltor Place, Knightsridge; HC, B and 9; SE, 11. Rev.
16. Russell.
ST PAULS Bedford Street. Covent
Brden: SE 11. Rev. J. Knight.
ST PAULS, Robort Adam Street; M.
1, Dr. M. Revell: 6.30. Rev. R. K.
owniev. wnier. ST PETER'S. Exion Square: LN, 15 and 10: SM, 11 (Sunsion in F). 16 greth stig (Bach), Father Melrosc. God greeth stig i Bach : Father Melrose.
ST SIMON ZELOTES. Chelsers inc.
St Parish Communion 11: L. 6.30.
Rev O. R. Clarke.
ST STEPHEN'S, Gioucester Road:
LM. B and 9: HM. 11. Missa a
4 (Montreved). Rev D. Priest; E and
B. G. Rev K. Hobbs
ST VEDAST. Fooler Lane: Missa
Porta coeli (Mul). Ein' Foste Burg
iSchelm. SM 11 Canon ifrenchBevlagh.

the crisis in the churches. But no one who is concerned enough to pray about the problem can escape the compulsion and the obligation to seek a practical

solution in the same concrete

terms in which it is posed.

involved in employing a theological concept like "Christian church" as a con-The range of response reflects not only the different positions of the clergy within their organizations, but also organized Christianity, and it allows this group to have the requires a considerable resist-best of both worlds: a safe ance to evidence not to see the pulpit for their views and a the range of interpretations of the evidence of church decline which are available to those who must formulate a response. There are few sociologists who would offer grounds for optimism. It could be argued, however, that the churches have past or a future, a crisis or a lost their members because they tried too hard to hold them, tions, is a good church to belong because under pressure they yielded on the fundamental theological issues that legitimated their existence. Who wants to belong to a church that has nothing to offer but a secular version of the gospels, that has lost its nerve to evangelize and takes refuge in the smug alleluias of pentecostalism?

Marriages

Mr J. M. Burn Callander and Miss V. R. Perina

The marriage took place quietly in London on Friday, April 15 between Mr Jeremy Mark Burn Callander, elder son of Mr and Mrs Roderick Burn Callander, and Miss Vesela Radojka Perina, youngest daughter of the late Mr Ante Perina and of Mrs Antica Perina

Colonel J. D. Fitzjohn and Mrs J. Hum

The marriage took place on April 15 between Mr John Danbarn Fitz-john, of Turkeigh, Bradford-on-Avon, and Mrs Jenet Hurn, daughter of the Rev C. A. and Mrs Grant, of Edinburgh.

Mr W. Lane and Miss M. Jackson

The marriage took place on Saturday, April 2, at the Church of St Barnabas, Dulwich Village, of Mr William Lane and Miss Marjorie Jackson. Canon Arthur Perry Jackson. officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother. Mr Harold Jackson, was attended by Miss Susan Wilde. The Hon lan Peddie was best man. A reception was held in Gray's Inn Hall.

Mr C. L. Mayhew and Miss J. E. Scott The marriage took place in Nor-folk on April 15 between Mr Luke Mayhew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Mayhew, of Ton-

bridge, and Miss Jane Scott, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Angus Scott, of Gordonstoun. Blind people protest: Members of the National Federation and Mrs C. S. Lewis The marriage took place yesterday of the Blind demonstrating outside the National Library

in Mariborough between Mr Richard Parry and Mrs Carol for the Blind in London yesterday. They are seeking representation on the library's national council.

Records set at sale of jewelry in New York which raised £1,771,743

A new record for a single-session sale of jewelry in New York was set up yesterday when Someby Parke Bernet realized a total of \$53,047,400 (£1,771,743), compared with an entirement total of the system of the style of H. Andrews, Another private buyer paid £850 (estimate £400 to £600) for a hawking party in the style of H. Andrews, Another private buyer paid £850 (estimate £400 to £600) for a bay hunter with applauded when it finished and a dog by the school of Stubbs.

A magnificent emerald and diamond pendant/ring, the emerald weighing about 18.35 carats, made a record price for an emerald at auction of \$520,000 (£302,326). That is also a record price per carat for emeralds at \$28,000. A New York buyer bought a diamond ring of 54.15 carats for the same price, which is the fifth highest ever paid at auction for a diamond.

Another exceptional price was \$140,000 (£81,395) for an exquisite cultured pearl necklace by Van Cleef and Arpels consisting of three strands of 135 graduated pearls measuring about 10 to 15mm, with a spiral clasp set with small pearls and diamonds.

That is a record for a single lot of pearls and easily exceeds the pre-sale estimate of \$45,000 to \$60,000. The prices were all well

one symbolically stood up and tore up a dollar bill, saying it was not worth much any more.

At Sotheby's in Bond Street, a sale of English furniture, oriental rugs and carpets realized £44,390. An anonymous buyer paid £2,300 An anonymous ouver pan £2.300 for a George II mahogany hunting table, the oval top with two flaps measuring 7ft 6in by 5ft 6in when extended. A small walnut bureau cabinet, 6ft 10in high, was sold to a London dealer for £1,550. In a sale of English pictures at

the sure of engand pictures at Christie's vesterday, which totalled £44.217 with 15 per cent unsold, a painting of a family on a beach with a sailing vessel offshore in the style of T. Peat made £1,300 (estimate £300 to £500) to the Rutland Gallery, London.

A painting in the style of J. F. Herring of cattle, pigs and poultry went to a private buyer for £950 (estimate £600 to 800), and an

An important quantity of silver was sold at Stourport Civic Centre yesterday for a total of 531,400. The top price was £1,950 for a pair of Dublin wine coolers of 1818.

Picasso lithographs: On April 27 a well known but extremely rare sequence of lithographs by Picasso is to be sold at Sotheby's (Huon Mallalieu writes). The impressions, one of which is previously unrecorded, come from the "Taureau" set, variations on the theme of a bull, on which Picasso was working in December, 1945, and January, 1946.

His mistress at the time was

His mistress at the time was Marie Therese Walter, and the prints were originally from her collection, three of them bearing her signature. They have been sent for sale by a Swiss collector and are expected to make between £80,000 and £90,000.

Science report

Conservation: New ecosystems

As well as the preservation of existing areas of natural beauty and interest, conservation in the future is likely to involve the resfuture is likely to involve the restoration of disturbed areas to their original state and the creation of new ecosystems. To some purists that may seem like unacceptable interference, but Professor A. D. Bradshaw, of Liverpool University, argues in the Proceedings of the Roual Society that it is insuffiable and in many cases desirable.

Professor Bradshaw made his remarks originally at the conclussion of a conference on the scientific aspects of nature conservation in Britain, held last year at the Royal Society in London. The proceedings have just been pub-

necessary. Professor Bradshaw points out that restoration of dis-

turbed areas has not greatly in-terested conservationists in the past, chiefly because it has seemed

proceedings have just been published, and they show in particular that conservation cannot be considered solely as a battle to prevent ecological change.
While it will continue to be important to maintain natural diver-sity by preserving special areas, more deliberate applications of scientific knowledge will also be

of East Anglia in new sites, and the reintroduction of the white-tailed eagle on the Island of Rhum is proving difficult. With animals it may also be difficult to estab-

plants into woodlands.

The creation of new ecosystems may be appropriate in some areas abandoned after industrial exploitation. It may be possible just to modify the area, for example by clearing rocks or adding nutrient material, and then to let plants and animals establish themselves there. In other cases they will need to be introduced deliberately. Professor Bradshaw suggests, for example, that a limestone quarry might be made into a suitable habitat for some of the rare Bridsh plants that are proving difficult to cultivate in botanic gardens. vate in botanic gardens. By Nature-Times News Service. Source: Proceedings of the Royal Society, Volume 197, page 77, April 4, 1977.

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OBITUARY

PROFESSOR MEIRION THOMAS

Plant physiologist and innovator

Clark write: Meirion Thomas who died at ... Tywyn on April 5 in his eighty-mird year spent his professional life in Newcastle upon Tyne in the Botany Department, as: lecturer from 1924, reader in plant physiology from 1943 and as professor and head of de-partment from 1946 to his re-tirement in 1961. His own academic career at the University College of North Wales was interrupted when he joined The South Wales Borderers in 1919 from which he transferred to the Royal Engineers.

As an ex-serviceman he went to Cambridge (Trinity Hall) where he found time to win a soccer blue and to play cricket and was profoundly effected in his scholarly interests by the work of Gowland Hopkins. He carried this influence to New-castle where he introduced a pioneer course in physiology and biochemistry that remains to this day a special feature of the curriculum there.

the curriculum there.

In 1935 he published Plant
Physiology which broke new
ground with its biological
approach to the subject, and
has become a classic now in its
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his collaborators in later
editions have been his own old
recits because S. I. Remon ecutions have been his own old pupils, Professor S. L. Ranson and G. A. Richardson. His early research was on the respiration of plants, particularly apples, but later work with Beevers and Ranson on Kalanchoe led to what was probably his most important single contribution to know. single contribution to know-ledge, the discovery of Crassulacean acid metabolism. He was elected a Fellow of the

Mr E. M. Bettenson, Professor Royal Society in 1949 and was S. L. Ranson and Dr W. A. awarded the honorary degree of DSc by the University of Wales in 1964. He was made a Charles Reid Barnes honorary life member of the American Society of Plant Physiologists in 1963. He was mmarried. His scientific achievements were more than matched by his personal qualities. He brought to Newcastle not only academic and athletic gifts but the highest cradition of university teaching. The small but dis-tinguished community at New-castle provided an ideal setting for his takents and his contribution to the general good of the university was outstanding.

Botany honours students and research workers had the best chances to see his scientific eminence but, throughout his career, students of all kindsthough particularly those who combined his own incerests in science and sport—came under the benign influence of a cultured but unpretentious per-sonably with a natural friendliness they could never forget. He was Senior Tutor in Science for some years and an effective though not enthusiastic Dean of the Faculty of Science while Newcastle and Durham still formed one university.

Under his guidance his de-partment produced graduates who are to be found teaching in universities all over the world and all of them would testify to his ability and charm. His hospitality was generous and intensely per-sonal for he did his own cooksonal for he did his own cook-ing referring to the making of custard as an "experiment in applied chemistry". His col-leagues at Newcastle in all grades never recall him with anything but pleasure.

MR JOHN RAYMOND

Mr John Raymond, the critic time to time he gave a hand to and author, died on Thursday at the age of 53. the age of 53.

The son of a well-known West End actor and actress, Cyril Raymond and Iris Hoey, he was born on December 4, 1923, and educated at Wesaminster School. He saw service in the Second World War in the Royal Artillery and the Intelligence Corps and soon after demobilization joined the staff of the Daily Graphic. He came to The Times in the autumn of 1949 and served in the Home Sub-Editors' department. He was an agreeable and amusing colleague and was apt to admit that he pre-ferred life when there was not an over-abundance of newswhich in those days seemed which in those days seemed always about shortages and exports—and he could talk with his colleagues end perhaps get on with a little pressing reviewing—for this was a field in which he had a burgeoning to his taste such as Lord Rose-reputation. He later moved bery, Jowett, Mark Pattison and Foreign department of the paper. which he had a burgeoning to his taste such as Lord Rosereputation. He later moved bery, Jowett, Mark Patrison and
briefly to the Imperial and Lord Salisbury. He edited The
Foreign department of the paper
and in 1952 left to take up the
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After he left the New States-

feature articles for some years to The Sunday Times. Latterly he had begun again to write occasional pieces for the New Statesman, revealing once more his skill at turning out the reflective and discussive literary article which could both stimu-late and please the reader. He published England's on the Anvil, which contained a selection of his criticism pre-

viously printed in the Statesman and a handful of his literary broadcasts given the right climate and good presentation he was an engaging broadcaster.

MR JAMES STEPHENSON

M.J.K. writes: the Association for Science.
Mr James P. Stephenson Education and helped to inau-L.M.J.K. writes: Mr James P. Stephenson gurate the lecture-demonstra-died at Lewes, Sussex, on tions for London children at March 26. This remarkable the Royal Institution. An outsional scientists and who so of over a million copies.

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man taught as Senior Physics standing legacy is his book on master for several decades at how to improvise apparatus in the City of London School in a remote places, written under the auspices of Unesco, and style which will long be the auspices of Unesco, and remembered. His many pupils which testifies to a touch of who are now doctors or profes-

often made on the premises, were never cruel, and these, his infectious enthusiasm clarified abstruse points in telling views differing from his own ways. It was inevitable that the quality of his work should have an impact in far wider circles than his school. He contributed ingenious devices to scientific exhibitions, wrote for the School Science Review, served on the Committee of science teaching since 1847.

REAR-ADMIRAL A. D. NICHOLL

CB, CBE, DSO, who during the Second World War commanded the cruiser Penelope in the Mediterranean and the battleship Duke of York in the Pacific, died on April 12 at the age of 80.

He had been a destroyer commander in the 1914-18 War, but was in command of Penelope on November 8, 1941, when that ship with the cruiser Aurora Pot". He still managed to and two destroyers (Captain W. G. Agnew's "Force K") sank all 10 ships of an enemy convoy carrying vital supplies to Rommel's Afrika Korps across the Mediagrams for Brindial the Mediterranean from Brindisi to Benghazi, as well as two of

Rear-Admiral Augus Nicholl, submarines and aircraft, greatly B, CBE, DSO, who during the embarressed Rommel's force in North Africa, and Nicholl was awarded the DSO. In 1942, when the enemy was

trying to prevent supplies from reaching Malta, Nicholl, still in command of Penelope, broke out of Malta after severe bombing and suffered even further attacks, his ship being so riddled by bomb splinters that she was known as the "Pepper strengthen Admiral Vian's escort force, which kept a vital convoy of four ships for Malra intact against all reasonable chance of success. Nicholl was made CBE. In 1947-18 he was commodore

the escorting destroyers: a of RN Barracks, Portsmouth.

British submarine sank a third and later joined the Nato next morning. Force K, employed to supplement attacks by 1951.

LORD MERTHYR The Bishop of Rochester to wait one more year or so"!

writes : The death of Lord Merthyr on the Tuesday before Easter means that he will be denied asking his annual question of her Majesty's Government as to what date it is intended to bring into force the Easter Act, 1928. He asked this question with steady persistence and un-diminished courtesy for eleven years. He always received the same reply that the Act could not be brought into force until

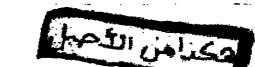
Church had been obtained. In-

Last year Lord Merthyr in acknowledging the usual reply asked whether it would not be a good idea to celebrate the golden jubilee of the passing of the Acr by bringing it into force now.

Many who remember Lord

Merthyr's distinguished service

Merthyr's distinguished service to the House of Lords and to the nation, will hope that 1978 will see the necessary Order in Council which he desired so much. The widespread agreement among the Christian Churches about a fixed date for 1965 the Government spokesman. Easter should surely encourage said "the best thing would be such action.



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THE TIMES

BUSINESS NEWS

Government 'encouraged' by £394m bond sales to official sterling holders

About 18 per cent of the 12,200m held in Ciry money markets by Middle East and other official holders of sterling is to be converted into foreign of the converted as a result of the converted as a result of the converted as a reserve currency. currencies as a result of the British Government's move to reduce the international role

of the pound.

This became clear last night when the Bank of England announced the result of its unprecedented offer of foreign currency denominated bonds to some 25 countries which have some 25 commerces which have traditionally kept significant monetary reserves in sterling. Applications for the six kinds of bonds, in dollars, Deutsche marks, yen and Swiss francs, amounted to the equivalent of £394.2m. The result was declared by officials to be both "very successful" and "very encouraging", although applications amounted to rather loss cations amounted to rather less than the £500m to £1,000m which was being predicted in

some quarters However, the result was said to be close to the top end of the range considered likely in the Treasury and the Bank of England. Applications for anything above £500m would have

surprised officials, it was claimed vesterday.

The offer of foreign currency bonds is part of a wider agree-ment with Britain's main foreign partners which seeks to reduce our vulnerability to the kind of sudden outflow of

a reserve currency.

Britain undertook to persuade official foreign holders of sterling to reduce the sums kept in this form.
In return, several large in-

dustrial nations promised to provide a so-called "safety net" under which they would lend us money in an emergency to offset any sudden and un-planued withdrawal of these foreign sterling balances held in the City.

As its part of the bargain, the Bank of England offered foreign currency bonds to 25 countries at very attractive rates of interest to persuade them to convert out of shortterm sterling assets. Fifteen of these countries agreed to lock up their funds in the new

up their funds in the new medium-term bonds.

The 8½ per cent 1982 bonds, denominated in dollars, drew applications amounting to the equivalent of £116m, while the 8½ per cent 1984 dollar bonds and the 8½ per cent 1987 dollar bonds received applications amounting to the equivalent of £51m and £11m respectively.

Figures for the 7½ per cent 1984 Deutsche mark, the 5½ per cent Swiss franc and the 8

per cent Swiss franc and the 8 per cent yen bonds were £89m, £82m and £45m respectively. The bonds to be provided in dollars thus account for about 45 per cent of the total, well within the limit asked for by the Americans, who had not wanted to see dollar bonds accounting for more than 75 per cent of the total.

This result will almost certainly be reviewed when central

tainly be reviewed when central bankers from the main indus trial countries meet in Basle this Monday. It is in this forum that the negotiations over the "safety net" have largely been conducted.

At the meeting British officials will be able to claim that they have done their best to reduce the level of the ster-ling funds subject to the pro-tection of the "safety net". They will also be able to tell their counterparts at the meet-ing that they have received assurances from those sterling holders who have not taken the opportunity of the bond issue that they, too, will take steps to reduce the sums they keep

in the City. Britain is unlikely, however, o have early recourse to the safety net scheme which comes into operation only if an outflow of money from London reduces our own gold and foreign currency reserves below \$6,750m—the level at

negotiations. Our reserves have subse-

which they stood during the

Suggestions that cash trans-

exchange control problems have been firmly discounted by

It is not clear whether eachey's auditors. Price

Peachey in a Northamptonshire

development scheme, have a direct bearing on Sir Eric's

Whatever the accounts reveal

on Monday, Peachey's shares have begun to attract specula-

tive bid interest vet again. The shares closed 41p higher at

423p yesterday.
A perennial bid favourite,

Peachey has been subject to

approaches from Lonrho and ICI's pension fund. But Lord

categorically denies that

the Bank of England.

Peachey's

Cut in MLR eases way to increased bank loans

quarter point to 9 per cent, its lowest level since April, 1976, after yesterday's Treasury bill tender. The fall was triggered automatically by the marketrelated formula for MLR.

The fall will be welcomed by those who believe that the Government's stance on monetary policy has been so restrictive in recent months as to threaten industrial recovery. Money supply figures pub-lished on Thursday showed that sterling M3—which includes notes and coins in circulation and sterling bank deposits—fellby 8.7 per cent at an annual rate in the three months to

Since then, however, MLR has come down sharply, from 11 per cent to its present 9 per cent. Officials suggest that this relaxation in credit could boost bank lending in April and help to bring the increase in the money supply during the financial year ending April, 1977, back into the Government's target range of 9 to 13 per cent. It grew by only 5 per cent in the first 11 months of the financial year the financial year.

rates, is not ruled out, and some brokers suggest that it could even be of half a point. There is, however, no doubt that ing out after the fall of 6 per-centage points in MLR from its 15 per cent crisis level of last October.

The Bank of England is no longer out of step with money market rates, and the market is no longer looking for large falls in rates. The steadying of the gilt market in recent weeks and the first signs of a firming in longer money rates are a reflection of this.

sharp speculative price move-ments for years. The possible departure of Sir Eric from the board has renewed talk of conclusion of the IMF loan is

The Bank of England's minimum lending rate fell by a This formula was formally re-

activated two weeks ago after a period of an officially administered minimum lending rate which was imposed while the Bank was attempting to smooth this year's sharp down-ward trend in interest rates.

mid-March.

Cheaper bank overdrafts are spected to result from yesterexpected to result from yester-day's MLR cut. Clearing banks may reduce their base rates, now 9½ per cent, by half a point to fail-in line with MLR. This would cut the cost of bank finance for prime industrial companies to 10½ per cent and for personal borrowers to between 12½ and 14½ per cent.

·However, the cut may not come next week as was first expected. Stronger industrial demand for money is expected in the next couple of weeks as quarterly VAT payments for most manufacturing companies fall due at the end of this month. The clearing banks are. month. The clearing banks are, therefore, wary of a cut in their rates at a time when money market rates may be firming, albeit temporarily.

Peachey's auditors, Price Waterhouse, threatened to resign over treatment of the 1976 accounts in recent weeks. And it will not be clear until Monday whether the £282,000 bad debt written off at the preliminary stage and now subject A further fall in MLR next week, following Treasury bill to legal action for recovery, or the £825,000 referred to in last year's auditors report as a debr resulting from the default of a 50 per cent partner with

Financial confidence since the

still keeping sterling buoyant, but uncertainty over the Government's ability to ensure further pay restraint and Britain's continued high rate of

Mr Carter aims for 4pc inflation by end 1979 in joint programme with unions and industry

From Frank Vogl
Washington, April 15
President Carter today announced a programme that aims substantially to reduce the United States inflation rate by the end of 1979, while at the same time ensuring that further similar end or 1979, while at the same time ensuring that further significant progress is
made on cutting the unemployment level.
The centrepiece of the programme is the
establishment of "a framework for consultation" between leaders of the Government, business and the trade unions jointly
to combat inflation on a purely voluntary

basis.

This has been agreed upon by both Mr George Meany, president of the AFLCIO trade union organization and Mr Reginald lones, chairman of the General Electric Company and current head of the Business Council. Wage and price controls in any mandatory form have been strictly ruled

President Carter said: "I believe that Government, business and labour together can, as an interim goal, reasonably aim at reducing the rate of inflation by two percentage points by the end of 1979, while still vigorously pursuing our com-mitment to full employment."

He added: "All segments of the Ameri-can economy must cooperate if we are to get inflation under control. In the long run that is the only path to more jobs, stable prices, and greater real income for all our people."

He stressed at a press conference that it had become increasingly obvious in the past three months that inflationary pressures had been building up, with consumer prices rising at an annual rate of more than 9 per cent in this period and wholesale prices rising at more than 10 per cent

press conference that the underlying inflapress conterence that the underlying infla-tion rate was now around 6 per cent and that the Administration's goal was to reduce this by the end of 1979 to 4 to 4.5 per cent. He added that by that time the Administration aimed to have brought un-employment down to 5 to 5.5 per cent

The President and his chief advisers repeatedly noted that business and trade union leaders had made commitments to join with the Government to combat inflation. "Government alone cannot reach our inflation curing goal." President Cortes inflation-cutting goal", President Carter said.
However, he noted that the anti-inflation

programme did contain many measures the Government would take to further its price stability aims. The programme renews the President's pledge for a balanced federal budget by 1981; it calls for better coordination of monetary and fiscal policies through regular mentily meetings between the President and the chairman of the Federal Reserve system; it calls for establishing a better economic informational system and for "an early warning system" at the Government's Wage and Price Stability Council on inflationary conditions.

Moreover, the programme calls for establishing more effective means of assessing the economic impact of new assessing the economic impact of the economic impact Government regulations; for strict enforcement of auti-trust laws; for deregulation of industries, such as the eirlines, that are currently regulated by the Government.
Mr Carter said his programme aimed

to boost productivity in industry and agriculture. Tax reform proposals, which per cent. would be announced in the autumn, would mr. Charles Schultze, the President's include proposals to strengthen business would be announced in the autumn, would

investment and so raise productivity. In addition, proposals were now being formulated to avoid food price fluctuations by establishing strategic food and raw materials stockpiles, by offering incentives to farmers to maintain reserves and by "negetiations to reduce fluctuations in the world prime of sugar and grains, and an open-minded look at price agreements for other commodities."

As well as immediately seeking what the President described as "orderly international marketing agreements" on sugar, the programme calls for the use of international trade policies that help to promote domestic price stability and for "cooperation with other nations to reduce worldwide inflationary trends, including support of the International Monetary Fund".

President Carter admitted that the com prehensive energy programme he will announce next week would have some inflationary effect but the degree to which it did not add to inflation would depend. on the support given to his proposals to-conserve energy. The energy proposals might add half of one percentage point to the inflation rate.

Production up: Good news for Mr. Carter came when the Federal Reserve Board reported a sharp increase in industrial production last month. It said the index of industrial production, a key indicator of economic activity, rose 1.4 per cent in March, the biggest monthly gain since August 1975, when it rose 2.2 per cont.

However, the dollar closed weaker onbalance after foreign exchange market-operators assessed President Carter's programme as disappointing.

A Thorn by

name will be-

names in the British consumer electronics market, Marconi-

phone, is to disappear and it

phone, is to disappear and it is likely that another, HMV, will follow suit in the near future. This is the result of Thorn Consumer Electronics' decision to "rationalize" its branding policy.

Since 1957 Thorn has been using four brand names for its product range including.

its product range, including

players and other audio equip-

ment. It entered an agreement with EMI in 1957 for use of the

Marconiphone name, which it

used to market its products

through the traditional whole-

discontinuing the arrangement from May 1, and EMI has no

Thorn's Ultra trademark will

take over as its brand for the

guson name will be used for marketing direct through speci-

ally selected retailers and Thorn's own retail chain,

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In brief

Varley hint of BSC planning pact

The British Steel Corporation could be one of the first big industrial concerns to sign a planning agreement with the Government, later this year, Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, says.

"I am heartened by the Corporation's confidence about the future and by its readiness to auticipate and accept industrial change and new forms of indusmial organization", he writes in the BSC's quarterly review, published today. "It is setting an follow."

He recalled that the Corpora-tion was the first sizable industrial concern to experiment with worker directors in the 1960s and one of the first to enter discussions with the Govern-ment on planning agreements.

Development area status for five centres Status as special development

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areas has been granted to Lanark, Cumnock, Kilbirnie, Dundee and Arbroath under the Government's review of assisted areas. Industrial development in their various employment office areas, already designated development areas, will attract higher rates of government grants.

Demoted from development at Halewood

to intermediate areas will be Aberdeen, Malton, Northaller-ton, Pickering, Richmood (Yorkshire), and Thirsk, but the changes are delayed until a year's time. Yesterday there was strong local welcome for the news that the Hull, Grimsby and Shotton travel-to-work areas are being upgraded with immediate effect to full development area status. New rules for the Humberside and Deeside development areas also mean that industrial development Certificates will not be needed in planning factory schemes.

Japan TV talks

American and Japanese gov-erument trade experts have reached no agreement on pro-posals to limit Japan's exports of colour television sets to the United States. "The talks are going slowly, but we are making some progress?, a United States official said. It is expected that Mr Minoru Masada, Deputy Vice Minister of International Trade and Industry, will visit Washington next week for talks with Mr Robert Strauss, International Trade

Shares lower

Pay policy worries and profit raking hit equities on the Lon-don stock market yesterday and the FT Index closed 4.5 down at 416.5. But this still left it 13.5 higher over the week. Gilts discounted both the MLR cut and the Retail Prices Index to end with losses of up to half a

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Industrial democracy Mr John Phillips, president of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, last night urged action to form "an enduring policy for industrial democracy". Speaking at the institute's East Anglian branch in Cambridge, he said that the discussion had got off to a bad start because of the severe limitations imposed by the Bullock committee's

Peachey set to explain board 'change of heart'

By John Brennan

Peachey Property Corporation yesterday dismissed reports suggesting that the group's board-room row arose from legal action after Sir Eric Miller's cancellation of an order for a £1m executive jet aircraft.

Peachey's 1976 accounts due on Monday.

The Dassault case did not

Harold Wilson for use during

Lord Mais, chairman of

legal action to recover a £200,000 deposit on the cancelled order for a Mystere Falcon from the French Dassault company. It is the latest in a string of imaginative but unsubstantiated rumours about the Peachey board's abrupt about-turn earlier this week, when Sir Eric, who stepped down as Peachey's chairman after Sir Eric's decision to relin-quish the chair and which resulted in the board's "change of heart" will be revealed in

have a bearing on the board's decision. And it seems equally improbable that the row could have been sparked by Sir Eric's creation of an air service business within Peachey, making use of the group's Bell Jet

The aircraft dispute involves

and managing director two weeks ago to a chorus of praise from his fellow directors was asked for and refused to give his resignation as a director.

Lord Mais said that the matters which came to light

the election campaign. fers made as part of Peachey's Continental development pro-gramme might have run into

Ranger helicopters, one of which achieved fame in 1974 when lent by Sir Eric to Sir

1,000 walk out

over suspensions

Another unofficial strike over stricter disciplinary procedure at the Ford plant at Halewood.

Liverpool, resulted yesterday in 1,000 toolmakers and main-

tenance men walking out of

The craftsmen, members of

for separate negotiations on pay

and conditions.

the body stamping plant.

anv approaches have been received, and Lonrho equally Britain's continued high rate of categorically denies that it has inflation has dampened market any interest in the group. **Guinness Peat liquidates**

By Nicholas Hirst

acquisition of London Electrical and General Trust earlier this year, by liquidating possibly all of the trust's £8m United Kingdom portfolio, equal to around quarter of its asset value.

the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, were protesting at the one-day suspension of 10 colleagues who left the shop early. The weight of selling, which, They do not accept the pro-cedure, agreed at the beginning marker sources said came through Cazenove and Co, Guinof the year by the Transport and General Workers' Union. ness Pear's brokers, was a big and are supporting a national factor in depressing a market campaign by their own union which had been expected to rise after Wall Street's delight over President Carter's changes in Production men on the Friday night shift reported for duty normally. economic policy.

London Electrical portfolio index was down 4.5 at 416.5. Guinness Peat, the merchant Guinness Peat had timed its bank and commodity broking sale carefully. When it made house, yesterday cashed in on its its offer for the £35m fund. Guinness Peat's bid was some

> by the same amount. For Guinness Pear the offer for the trust was a straight alternative to a rights issue. which looks to have proved a very good deal.

> 5 per cent above the break-up

value of the fund, but since

then the market has picked up

It may be that the debenture holders of £950,000 of stock will have to be repaid at par, but with liquidation under way. negotiations have also been Although at the close the FT taking place on the debentures.

The Times index: 171.18-1.40

THE POUND

Australia S

The FT index: 416.5-4.5

North Sea delay ' could cost £600m output?

Shell until June 1976.

McFadzean sale

Sir Frank McFadzean, who

became full-time chairman of

British Airways last July, has disposed of 115,000 shares in his former company, "Shell" Transport and Trading,

March 14, 1977. At market valuations between the highest

and lowest quotations for the package of ordinary shares in 1976, they would be worth

between £404,800 and £531,300.

Sir Frank, at March 14, 1977, retained a beneficial interest in

a further 18,250 shares, warth

at current market valuation just over £91,000. The reduction

in Sir Frauk's shareholding in the company of which he was chairman until June 1976 with emoluments paid at the rate of £91,842 per annum, is revealed

in yesterday's annual report by the oil group. Sir Frank became part-time chairman of British Airways on January 1, 1976 continuing to serve as head of

19/6 a

of big oil stake

Britain could lose £600m in oil production from the North Sea over the next two years because of delays in installing oilfield equipment and terminal facilities, according to a report by a firm of stockbrokers.

Wood Mackenzie and Company, of Edinburgh, suggests that six oilfields will be affected, involving lost production valued at £250m in 1978 and £350m in 1979. The report suggests that the

processing plant at Sullom Voe oil terminal in Shetland will not be ready before mid-1979. As a result, oil from the North Sea will have to be processed on the production platforms, and gas which would normally go ashore by pipeline will have to be burned off by flaring. The six oilfields affected by

the delays, according to the re-port, are Brent, Dunlin, Ninian, Cormorant, Thistle and Heather. Each is in the area cast of Shetland, and each will send oil and gas by pipeline to Sul-A spokesman for Wood Mack enzie and Company said that the delays were caused by a

combination of factors. "There have been delays on the oilfields themselves, on the pipelines, and at Sullom Voe. The effect of these delays is to reduce our estimate of the expected oil flows from these

However, later the Department of Energy said that it had been in constant touch with BP, as managers of the Sullom Voe project, and with the operators of the fields covered by the Brent and Ninian sys-

We are satisfied that the contingency plans being laid for coping with delay in the installation of stabilization plant at Sullom Voe . . will avoid any substantial delay in the build-up of production during 1978 and 1979. We certainly do not accept that there will be delay on anything like the scale forecast by Wood Mackenzie."

EEC agrees to loan for Italy of \$500m Paris, April 15.-The Euroexclude participation in the loan

pean Economic Community monetary committee agreed today that a Community loan of \$500m (about £300m) should be granted to Italy, with the funds to be raised on international capital markets, officials said. The committee, bringing to-gether finance ministry and cen-tral bank officials from the nine member states, also agreed nine member states, also agreed on a joint position which the British Chancellor is to present at the meeting in Washington on April 28-29 of the Inter-national Monetary Fund's

interin committee.

Both the loan for Italy and the Community stand at the IMF talks will have to be formally approved by EEC finance ministers at a meeting in the property of Monday. Luxembourg officials said. on Monday, But a committee member stated: "You can take it for granted that the Italians will

receive the \$500m fairly He said the conditions the Community would link to its loan for Italy would be "about the same" as those agreed between Italy and the IMF on a credit of 450 million special drawing rights (about \$520m).

The committee also briefly

discussed proposals advanced in

late March by Mr Cyrus Vance, United States Secretary of State, for an international \$1,500m loan to Portugal. One qualified source said the members found that a participation of the Community as such in readying funds for Por-tugal, as suggested by Mr Vance,

by some individual members, possibly West Germany and the Benelux countries. Vance is understood to have told the Europeans that United States would be ready to contribute as much as \$500m to an international loan for Portugal. The loan for Italy became necessary after Britain withdrew

its \$486m contribution to the Community's \$1,850m credit granted to Italy in December, Monetary committee sources said that after the Finance Ministers formally approve the loan, the Commission would

seek to arrange a Community loan in negotiations with banks. David Blake writes: Top monetary officials from the important industrial nations in the west meet in Paris today to arrange the necessary for Italy's loan from the International Monetary Fund and to discuss plans to give the fund greater resources and thus a important role in the world.

as the Working Party 3 of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development to consider the Italian application. If they approve it, as they are almost certain to do since the IMF staff is now backing the scheme, they will change into a special meeting of the Group of Ten which will then actually come up with the

This will be raised through was not possible within the framework of the EEC regulation of Ten countries, who are the world's richest industrial states of the ten of the finance the IMF. the General Arrangement to However, they would not agree to finance the IMF.

Staff failures blamed for £58m Credit Suisse loss

From Alan McGregor Geneva, April 15 A full investigation will start on Monday at the Chiasso branch of the Credit Suisse Bank which has run up losses of £58m, in what is described

as "poor management", of short-term investment capital. A spokesman for Credit Suisse said in Zurich that the mismanagement of fiduciary funds arose when clients of the Chiasso branch asked for their funds to be placed at higher rates of interest abroad.

The spokesman said the staff of the branch failed to obey two instructions. Firm, 22 place such funds only with top qual-ity names, and secondly, to

RETAIL PRICES

The following are the index numbers (January 15, 1974=100) for retail prices not seasonally adjusted, released by the Department of Employment yes-

	(1) All ilems	(2) All Items except seasonal lood	Annual rate of incress in (2) over 6 months earlise
1975			
Sept	140.5	140.9	27.5
Oct	142.5	142.8	21.9
Nov	144,2	144.5	14.9
Dec	146.0	146.1	13.6
1976			
Jan	147.9	147.6	13.6
Feb	149.8	149.0	13,8
March	150.6	149.5	12.6
April	153.5	152.2	13.6
May	155.2	154,2	13.8
June	156.0	155 <i>.</i> 4	13.1
July	156.3	156,8	12.9
Aug	158.5	1 58.5	13,2
Sept	160:6	160,0	14.5
Oct	163.5	162.8	14,4
Nov	165.8	164.8	14.2
Dec	168.0	166.8	15.2
1977			
Jan	172.4	170.9	18.0
Feb	174.1	172.5	18.5
March	175.8	174.3	18.7

avoid placing too many funds with one individual borrower. Furthermore, they failed to inform the head office general management of the transactions. He said it took a while for the

head office to discover the situ-

ation because fiduciary busi-

ness is not included in regular bank balance-sheets in Switzer-

land, but comes "under the line". He declined to comment on Italian press reports that the losses were the result of difficulties on the part of a Milan financial concern.

The bank is covering the losses from its reserves. The figure sets a new record for losses by a big bank in Switzerland.

day that there was to be rochange in the use of the HMV trademark after May 1, it is widely expected that this will be faded out as a later part of the Thorn branding policy rationalization. The Marcon phone trademark was acquired in 1929 when the company of the same name linked with The Gramophone Company and which in turn became Electrical & Musical Industries (later EMI) in 1931. HMV (formerly His Master's Voice) became a Thorn brandname for radio and television products under the same licens-

ing agreement as Marconiphone in 1957. EMI retains the name as a label for classical records, which will continue.
It was originally a brandname first used by The Gramp-phone Company in 1900, after the company had purchased a modified picture of "Nipper". the dog listening to a phonograph painted by Francis Barraud in about 1899.

For £100, including the copyright, The Gramophone Company bought what became one of the best-known company symbols, even if it had to per-suade Barraud to change the original painting to include one of its (then) modern gramophones.

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GROUP'S BUSINESS—investment in and development of real property in United Kingdom. Australia and Belgium with subsidiary interest in property trading. 1976 4.675.516 4.346.662 3,648,322 1.028.530 PROFIT after taxation, minority interests and transfer from capital reserve of £81,000 (1975 £375,000) relating to development properties EARNINGS per 200 Ordinary Share ORDINARY DIVIDEND per share for the 808,188 3.03p 1.21p 2.317p . 2.317p COST OF ORDINARY DIVIDENDS payable on 34,693,819 ordinary 20p shares (1975 on 32,689,174) UNDISTRIBUTED PROFITS carried _803,857 757,408 671,436 1,032,328 PROPERTIES 52,611.870 50,047,685 8,918,637 8,582,493 Investment properties were independently valued during the

significant improvement in the value of these properties can be Trading properties are stated at aggregate cost, which is lower than aggregate independent valuation.

year resulting in a net surplus of £430,119 credited to capital reserve after writing down £5.3 million on undeveloped sites and £5.6 million on completed but substantially unlet properties. A

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How the markets moved

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10p to 257p 5p to 64p 9p to 134p 10p to 128p 5p to 205p 42p to 423p Alginate Ind Camrex Hill C Bristol Hunting Assoc McLeod Russell Peachey Prop Equities lost ground.

Gilt-edged securities were lower. Dollar premium 121 per cent (effective rate 45.35 per cent). Sterling closed one point higher at \$1.7180. The "effective devalua-tion" rate was 61.6 per cent.

On other pages

Porter Chad Redfeart Nat Simpson S UK Props Warren Plant Watts Blake 7p to 85p 7p to 103p 3p to 45p 3p to 15p 7p to 155p 8p to 135p Gold closed at \$150.875 an ounce, down \$1.00.

SDR-\$ was 1.16144 on Friday, while SDR-£ was 0.676160.

Commodities: Reuters' index closed at 1,738.4 (previously 1,749.2). Reports, pages 17 and 18

10p to 330p 2p to 40p 4p to 33p 5p to 75p 2p to 38p 5p to 425p 8p to 456p 8p to 190p

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Round-up

trap for \$ & P • Living on the job

group for the first time into the market for what it terms the traditional unisheder. The group's trust business which is umed at the larger investor, two distinct types of accommohas been built up through professional advisers and its own
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accommodation was clearly proaccommodation was clearly proment Service (PIMS).

its trusts has holdings of representational accommoda-£6,500, about six times the accommodation, average size for the industry. Some 90 per cent of Schlesin in the provided accommodation are series between the coccupier had to live in the provided accommodation. gers' business has come from larger investors.

The Extra Income Trust, with a starting yield of 114 per cent, and a minimum investment of 2500 is aimed at the smaller investor and timed for a period of falling interest rates. The portfolio will be all equity, predominantly invested in second line or regional companies.

A recent decision by the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has enfectively brought to a halt the expansion of Save & Prosper's American subsidiary Investment Annuity Inc. The subsidiary, in which S & P has a 52 per cent stake worth £2.1m. deferred has been selling deferred annuity policies which offer an acceptionally wide choice of investment media for the past

But in early March sales were halted when the IRS declared that the policies would not attract the usual deferred annuity tax advantages because of the wide degree of flexibility available to the policyholder. Rather alarmingly, the IRS appears to be looking at other categories of deferred annuities

as well with a view to defining

hat degree of flexibility should Mr David Maitland, S & P's managing director, confirms that the equity is fighting to reverse the decision on its own products. Meanwhile, the quoted price of Investment Annuity shares is down to \$1.38 from the \$2 per share S & P paid for

its holding some four years ago.



Mr Fred Richardson, chairman and managing director of Abbey Life: appointed general manager of all the life business of the Hartford Europe group.

by launching this week a new employees were produced by high yielding unit trust. The the Inland Revenue this week. Extra Income Trust takes the They were made necessary by

ent Service (PIMS).

vided as part of a salary as a flat for a company director, and in order to do his or her job. An example of this would be a caretaker or level-crossing

Last year's Finance Act caused some confusion because it brought civil servants and employees of charities and other non-profit making organi-zations, such as trade umons, within the scope of benefits in kind legislation for the first time. Following an interdepart-mental enquiry three categories of tax exempt accommodation have now been defined by the

who has to live on the premises to perform his function. where employee, such as a policeman, for whom it is established prac-tice for accommodation benefit to be provided. Thirdly, there is accommodation provided for civil servants for whom special security arangements are in force. Apart from these categories, all employees receiving free accommodation will be of their salary.

First.

The Revenue has increased the limits of "small maintenance payments", where these are paid to an ex-wife (or children over 21) to f21 a week and f91 a month as against the pre-vious levels of £12 and £52 respectively.

The increase has been made partly for reasons of administrative convenience. Mainten-ance payments in this category are paid gross rather than net, saving the recipent the trouble of having to claim back sums from the Inland Revenue in cases where the payment may be the sole source of income.

ITT this week announced the reorganization of its United King-dom and continental insurance business. Mr Fred Richardson, chairman and managing direc-tor of Abbey Life has been

chairman and chief executive of Excess, Hartford's British property and casualty arm, is to head those operations in the continental insurance com-

destroyed. Nor is everything in

the house likely to be stolen. Their point is that the sum

insured is employed primarily

the premium they need.

A few insurers, as a penalty, incorporate the pro rata condition of average so that, where there is under-insurance, any claim (however small) will be scaled down in the same properties as the under-insurance.

portion as the under insurance. Where this is not incorporated.

it is customary for there to be a condition that the full value

Thus, in the event of under-

No one is disputing that it is

often possible to buy a house,

including the site, more cheap-

which has been destroyed. Here again, however, we are

back to the point that, to

secure the total premium

needed to pay all the run-of-the-

mill claims, many of which are

relatively minor, the premium has to be calculated on the full

If a house should be des-troyed, and another bought for

less than the insured value, the

insurers would pay for the cost

of the house being bought, but some allowance might be made at some stage for the fact that

one would still have the site of

the first house-although the

insurers would not be able to

take it as "salvage". It would

Because of continuing under-insurance, disastrous subsi-

dence experience and a higher

incidence of claims, a number

of companies are thinking of

charging higher rates of pre-mium—still using the full value

John Drummond

is being insured.

an ex gratia basis.

cost of rebuilding.

not belong to them.

Margaret Drummond

Insurance

Are your house and goods insured for their full value?

Premiums are generally calcu- a house is unlikely to be burnt lated as a percentage of the to the ground, or otherwise be sum insured-which was a convenient arrangement in those far-off days when the rate of inflation was quite modest. Un- as a method of calculating the fortunately for insurers, when premium. Unless the figure is inflation really took off, most right, they are not receiving of us did not increase suffithe premium they need. ciently the sums insured under our policies, and thus pre-miums did not keep pace with

rising claims costs. The companies tried to get over this difficulty by intro-ducing index linking—for poli-cies covering both the buildings and contents of private houses. Here, the sum insured rises in line with the selected index, and each year the re-newal premium is calculated on the current insured value.

While this has been a help, many companies say that they are still not getting the pre mium they really need mium they really need, because, so often, when index-linking starts, the chosen sum insured is lower than it should

buildings, insurers require the full cost of rebuilding to be insured. If contents are insured on a full replacement basis (so that, if something is destroyed or lost, the insurers will pay for new re-placement), the insurance must be based on the cost of replacing everything new, in the shops. If a deduction will be made at the claims stage for "depreciation", rather less than the full cost of replace-

ment needs to be insured. Insurers reckon that quite a number of householders deliberately underinsure—to save premium. One argument is that it is most unlikely that the whole house will be burnt to the ground—and so there is little point in insuring for the full cost of replacing everything. The other line of reasoning employed by householders the house should be loss, it would be cheaper (and very much more convenient) to buy a comparing the site, than to rebuild.

Insurers do not dispute that

Taxation

New fund • US tax How to complete your annual return Coming to

Correctly filling in your tax is that the wife's income—and return is a vital annual chore that has come round again all too quickly. In the coming form. There is a separate column to take your contents I am going to take your weeks I am going to take you umn for the wife's income, outsection by section through the goings and capital gains. But return in the hope that it will alleviate some of the frustra- general rule.

If husband and wife were

The Inland Revenue has issued three different types of returns for 1977-78; a buff-coloured form 11P, intended for employed persons in the middle and higher income ranges; a greenish-coloured form, P1, sent to those with fairly simple tax affairs; and a white form, 11, for the selfemployed.

Few people like filing in forms but there are two good reasons why you should complete this one. The first is to make sure that the tax office gives you all the allowances and deductions to which you are entitled. The second is to meet your legal obligation to advise the tax office of your income from all sources, whether or not it is already taxed at source. On forms 11 and 11P you are asked to send the form back to the tax office

It's the tax return season again and to help readers with this annual chore we have prepared a seven-part series dealing with each section in the 1977-78 tax

within 30 days. However, the tax office is not unreasonable about this and accepts that in many cases it is quite impos-sible to meet this deadline. In your own interests though, whichever form you have, you should complete it as soon as One confusing point about

our tax returns is that although the heading indicates one tax year, the form does in fact cover two tax years. In the 1977-78 tax return you must enter you income, outgo-ings and capital gains for the past year ended April 5, 1977, but the personal allowances you claim will be for the year As the claim for allowances

affects your code number for 1977-78, the sooner you send in your form the sooner the tax office can get the figures right. This is particularly so if your allowances have altered, for example, by taking out a new

ion and difficulties that inev-itably arise.

H nusuant and 6, 1976, or married after April 6, 1976, or were reconciled after that date, having been separated for tax purposes, each will have to complete separate tax returns for 1977-78. Also where they will complete their own tax returns. This is not the same thing as a claim for the separate taxation of wife's earnings in this case the wife's income must still be shown on her husband's tax

> A woman who is single will own form, so, too, will those who are separated from their husbands (unless it is only a temporary separation), and those who are divorced and widowed. Income will be widowed. Income will be entered under the heading "self", the "wife" column being ignored.

Ignore the first page of your tax return for the time being and turn to page two which starts off with your income. If you have no income under a particular section there is no read to incore the word. need to insert the word none —just leave it blank. First your employment, hich is the first section in forms 11P and P1 and the norms fir and if the heading is either "Employments or Offices", or "Earnings". In the majority of cases it will be quite clear whether

or not you are employed. Directors of a company are employworker you may consider your-self self-employed, but there was a change in the law recently and for 1976/77 on-wards you may be treated as employed and taxed under PAYR. However, there are cerrain exceptions, so if these new rules affect you, and you are in any doubt about them, have a word with the agency and if necessary take the matter up with the tax office. It is important to resolve the matter you are self-employed. If you have form P1 you will

enter any details about your own full-time employment—a dash is printed in the money column. The rax office picks to complete her own tax should enter the earnings from your return depends on the circumstances. So far as husband and wife are concerned # there is necessarily to the wear and a line with the circumstances. this information up from your

much you earned you can get the details from a certificate of me details from a certarcate of pay and tax deducted—often cated a form P60—which your employer will give you after the end of the tax year, showing your pay net of superannation contributions if any, and it is this figure—before deduction of tax—that goes into the money column. If a on or bonns is due to you for the year ended April 5, 1977 but is paid after that date, unclude the figure if you know what it is. Wages in lieu of nonice are not taxable and

need not be entered.

If you have a wife who was employed, enter her earnings for the year ended April 5, 1977, in the "wife" column, and if she was employed in your own business her salwy must be included, even though it may have been below the £14.25 per week tex free limit. Tips are taxable and should be entered in this section. Spare time or casual earnings for the year ended April 5, 1977 should also be shown. However, if you consider that this type of work is a business do not include anything here. It should go into the "Trade, Profession or Vocation" section

when in doubt claim at to be a

Certain perks are taxable such as medical insurance, goods, or vonchers exchangable for goods, services or money. If you have received any during the year ended April 5, 1977, have a word with your employer about the cost which you should enter in the tax

you wish kiving accommodation you will have to enter the address, rem payable and gross value for rating, so that the tex office can check whether or not you are receiving a taxable benefit. There are special fringe benefits rules for directors and higher paid employees which tax, amongst other things, the

private use of a company car.

A higher-paid employee is one whose salary plus reimbursed expenses and perks amount to at least £5,000—regardless of whether or not the reimbursed. whether or not the reimbursed expenses are tax deductible. If you come within this cate-

form P11D so that you have the total figure to hand.

the full amount even though the whole or a part of it may e tax free. Finally, under this section, if you are resident in this country but have been working abroad you should put a cross

tinuous 365 days or moreings are liable to tax.

If you do not yet know whether the absence will extend to 365 days give the tax

pory, your employer normally has to send to the tax office a form P11D giving details of all the reimbursed expenses and benefits in kind. The total will Prepare Your Tax Return 1977-have to be entered in your tax 78, issued by Mobile Training

subheading "benefits, expense allowances" on forms 11 and 11P. The essiest way is to ask

If you have received a gold-en handshake or a redundancy payment during 1976-77 enter

in the box indicated to obtain the appropriate tax relief. On forms 11 and 11P the box headed one-quarter should be ticked if you have not been abroad for as long as 365 days—your earnings then will be reduced by 25 per cent. If you are abroad for a conignoring holidays in the United

other disrupted. If they fail to grow, or threaten to fall, then that will be reflected in the price of the shares; and it is the share price

and the conversion terms which determine how desirable it is to exercise the option to convert. Let us take, for instance, the Lloyds' Bank 7½ per cent stock 1984, conversion rights in which can be exercised for the first time this month. At the moment

Fixed interest

stocks

terms with

convertible

friend of mine rang. He is an academic economist of con-

siderable erudition, and I turn

to him for guidance whenever

Melbourne or Madrid 18 months ahead.

was he who had the query. "Look here", he said. "My mother's been round. She's had

a letter from some company she's invested in, saying that

she can now exercise her option to convert. What on earth is it all about?"

It is a fair question. Convertibles are, to the uninitiated, one of the most complex of the

common ways of investing money. A convertible loan stock

is in essence an investment which will give a regular, fixed return (unlik shares, on which

the dividends can go down as well as up), and which can within a specified period of

time, be exchanged for shares in the company which issued it. The advantages of such an

investment are immediate, for convertibles generally sell on yields much higher than those available on the shares of the

issuing company.

If, however, the company into which you are putting your

money is any good, it will be putting up its dividends to the

ordinary shareholders, year by year. And sooner or later the

with the same amount of money that you put into the convert-ible will be giving higher re-turns than the fixed interest

investment that you bought.

That, in theory, is the moment

at which you want to exercise

in theory, a case of jam today and still more jam tomorrow.

However, the terms on which convertible stock holders may

winning out at the expense of the ordinary shareholders. And

the problems come when, whether because of bad man-

agement or for reasons outside

the management's control, the growth in dividends which these

On this occasion, however, it

want to know what will be happening to interest rates in

£100 nominal of the Lloyds stock, convertible into 28.57 shares, is selling at £84, which means that the ordinary shares have to stand at 294p (£84 divided by 28.57) before it's worth exercising the option to convert. Last night they were 94o short of that.

Well, you might say: at that rate either the shares are grossly undervalued or the convertible loan stock is selling at much too high a price. But that isn't necessarily the case. There are some convertibles in which it looks as though the opin to convert will never be worth exercising, and with those it is the steady flow of income which determines the price. In they are valued as straight loan stocks.

But even where the option to convert is likely to be exercised, loan stock prices will reflect the fact that the flow of income to their holders is very much higher than that on the equivalent shareholding in the meantime

The sophisticated investors in this market determine whether prices are cheap or otherwise by working out the present value of expected future flows of income on the ordinary shares, using differing rates of discount to allow for the fact that money in the hand now is more useful than money promised for some time in the

But all those calculations can, of course, be put out by anything which disrupts the pattern of dividend payments, such as dividend control. And this is why the prospect of a Conserva tive election victory and an end to dividend control has some of the experts advising a sale of the convertible loan stocks of some sound industrial companies.

Eh? Well, take Glazo. With the Glaxo convertible selling at £112 the ordinary shares would have to be around 83p higher than they were last night to make it worth while for anyone to convert. That \$3p is just a little higher than the present value of the future flow of income on the ordinary shares, assuming that dividends are increased by 10 per cent per annum, and a 12 per cent discount rate is applied.

But Glaxo is the classic case of the company which should be selling on a much higher yield: covered. An end to dividend control could mean that the would sharply increase, and the relative attractions of into 12 on the convertible stock would sharply diminish.

Under those circumstances, what would be joyful news for ordinary shareholders could send the value of Glaxo's con-vertible down. But I think myself that fears of a dividend osion are very premature.

Adrienne Gleeson

Pensions ger of all the life business of the Hartford Europe Group which includes Zwolsche in Holland and Transatlantische in Problems of introducing equality for women

The position of women in pen- set up this year, or any alterasion schemes has undergone a tions to existing schemes; but big change in recent years—a st the pay code has virtually put a stop to both new schemes and scheme improve-

It is normal practice nowadays to treat women broadly on the same basis as men, once was necessary to make sure they have become members of a that women were treated as scheme. The only major area schemes have admitted only ed more stringent qualifying conditions on womenlonger service qualifications or higher minimum entry age. The whole subject has been

exposed to extensive scrutiny over the past few years—the Occupational Pensions Board have produced a report, the Equal Opportunities Commis-sion have examined the prob-lem, and the usual round of government consultation which proceeds (or accompanies) legislation has given the gen-eral public, and in particular the women's organizations, the opportunity to join in the debate.

Discriminatory membership

stage as the root of the problem, and the legislation introducing the new state scheme
from April of next year also
included provisions to outlaw women the practice. This law becomes effective from the same date as the new state scheme, April, 1978. It would undoubtedly have a marked influence on the form of any new schemes

social attitudes to women in ments, there has been less employment. progress than one might otherwise have expected.

As I see it, this was all that

well as men-on the whole. A of discrimination has been el-small minority of schemes igibility for membership. Many would be giving smaller benefits for each year's service, but men, while others have im- the majority giving the same posed more stringent qualify- benefits would be so overwhelming that the others would be forced into line before long. Some of the differ between the sexes: in

some cases men do better, in others, women. For example, the amount of the lump sum benefit a woman can obtain in exchange for £1 per annum pension (where a scheme offers the option of making this exchange) is larger than for a man; and a woman wishing to provide for her husband (or her children) after her death by giving up part of her own pension will give up less than a man wishing to provide the same protection for his

On the other hand, it is still unusual to provide benefits for the widowers or children of women who die, although the men can expect their widows (and possibly children, too) to receive a pension from many schemes. And, of course, the retirement age is usually dif-

60 for women (against, nor-mally, 65 for men) represents discrimination against men, or against women is a matter of continual dispute. To the cynic, it seems that all women wish to go on working to 65, while all men long for the opportunity to retire at 60.

I have never understood why

employers who cannot afford to retire men at 60 do not give their women employees the option of working on to 65 and earning five years' additional pension on the same basis as a man, if they wish to do so. Sixty is not a very sensible age to choose for retirement of a woman—she is then normally over the emotional difficulties associated with the fifties and may well comribute more to her employer during the extra five years than a man.

All this is given new life by the proposal of the Government to introduce legislation to deal with most of the remaining areas of "discrimination". In preparation for that, the Department of Health and Social Security have issued a second "consultative document" about equal status, out-lining the matters on which it is intended to legislate, and in-

ductive for several reasons. The most serious criticism of the proposals is that they seem

out of touch with reality; they represent the result of some one sitting down to think how pension schemes might dis-criminate against women, without examining the extent to which they, in fact, do so. If legislative requirements which will have to be studied and taken into account by all schemes, although they are relevant to very few, the result will be to discourage some employers' schemes it offers provision at all for employees' pensions.

After all, next year there will be an earnings related element in the state scheme, and although the level of benefit is low compared with most employers' schemes it offers some sort of escape for an employer who cannot cope is intended to legislate, and inviting comments. But, says the with the complications of rundocument significantly, it is quite possible that the Government may introduce the Bill into Parliament before the date by which comments are more so, in the past decade.

All these past decade. requested. Such is consultation. All these new rules and The contents of the document are not much better: or less impossible for the

Whether a retirement age of not, it must be said, that the ordinary employer to cope for women (against, nor-proposals conflict, on the with all the problems—if it is ally, 65 for men) represents whole, with the sort of pension not already impossible—even if not already impossible—even if structure most people would it does not make the whole consider appropriate, or with structure so complex that modern ideas of social justice. there is little chance of enforc-But as a practical contribution ing the law. This is a particuto the status of women, it is larly serious danger when the more likely to be counter pro- evils which it is sought to cure are largely imaginary.

The scope of the proposed new controls, moreover, goes beyond the protection of the position of women employees: there are provisions to cover the rights of wives, including provision of information about their benefits under the scheme, and even a suggestion that the consent of a wife might have to be obtained if a member fails to exercise option to give up part of his own pension for a widow's

As this option is allowed by large number AGLA schemes, but exercised by a very small number members, the practical implications of such a requirement

are horrifying.

The truth is that there are differences in treatment be-rween men and women, but no significant "discrimination" against either sex, once entry conditions are equalized. The main effect of all this fuss, apart from the administrative burden, is to underline that women cost a lot more to employ because they retire earlier and live longer.

Eric Brunet

insurance, insurers would have the right to void the policy altogether. Obviously, they would not take such drastic steps as that; instead, a scaled down figure may be settled on Motor insurance

A number of different routes to no-claim discounts

Motor insurers have had the insurer) pays the same rate of discount do not claim & Sons and brokers throughout plenty of suggestions made to premium. no-claim discounts. After all, it is argued, statistically, the top to which one has

into practice, by issuing a net premium policy for motorists with proven good records, and the idea has been taken up in different ways by a number of other insurers. So far, it could not be claimed that the idea has been overwhelmingly wel- insurers would want to in-comed by those motorists who crease the premiums for could take advantage of it.

It is doubtful whether there would be much saving in administrative costs if the idea was adopted for all motorists. Rough and ready the existing number of points in its favour.

shows that, whatever the group rate of discount is too high, assigned, one may be able to and there would be a worth-while saving in administrative average for that group (by earning the top rate of noclaim discount. Similarly, poor claims expe-

rience (even though one may have had little control over it) will result in one paying more than the average premium for one's group. Without the discount system,

motorists with poor records, which could lead to arguments. The discount system achieves this automatically—except for those arguments where a motorist thinks his discount should be allowed when a claim has been settled or is

Insurance works on the group principle—whereby everybody in the same view, the other advantage of the group (the qualifications of the group being determined by many motorists with a high view, the other advantage of Lloyd's, the consortium of nation of these two factors will

quent years would more than are virtually unacceptable to outweight the amount of the many motor insurers.

haps, are psychological rather than statistical. For instance, if one takes motorists, say, halfway up the discount scale: which, on average, will be the better risk—the motorist going "down" the scale, because of claim after a period of claimfree years, or the motorist making his way up the scale

after a claim-free year? Perhaps much depends on their revious motoring history.

Certainly, it can be argued having the same number of that a motorist who has had a accidents (if not more!), but lapse from grace, may have a are meeting the cost of many particularly good record for a of them from their own few years.

To some extent, this is borne out by the experience of voluntarily (where a discount Enterprise Motor Policies at is at stake). Often, a combi-

Enterprise says that the

average. But it justifies its higher-than-average premiums by adding that its average cost per claim is higher than the national average. To some extent, this may be

because, as part of its rating policy, it incorporates fairly substantial excesses; also, with higher premiums than average. no-claim discounts are more " valuable " to policy holders.

(in the case of an excess) or

motor syndicates at Lloyd's apply. which, through John Holman So far, the insurance market

as a whole has not shown a for relatively small amounts— the country, provides cover for great deal of enthusiasm for because they anticipate that "impaired" risks—a cuphe short-period policies—partly the loss of discount in subsemism for those motorists who because of the administrative cost. But since Enterprise and the few companies specializing Claim.

While insurers' statistics are number of claims reported, in ing quite high premiums, they improving all the time, there relation to policies in force, is have introduced this facility are some points which, per marginally below the national

The insurers can benefit instifies its from this arrangement as well. in "impaired" risks are chargfrom this arrangement as well. For instance, if a motorist is proving to be a poor risk in terms of claims experience, an insurer does not have to wait for a full year before raising the premium or, perhaps, declining to renew.

Insurers catering for the "impaired" driver expect that many of their policy holders will be on the books for only a few years—until they have been rehabilitated, have earned a worthwhile rate of no-claim discount and are acceptable to the conventional market. These

insurers certainly meet a need; their rating is becoming much more accurate; but they are not cheap !

exercise their option to convert —£100 nominal of stock may be exchanged for so many shares -will be pitched to take account of this. Otherwise the convertible holders would be

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Coming to Investor's week terms with Caution tempers a convertible strong recovery

staged a strong and rather unexpected recovery this week from the sharp falls which occurred between the Budget and the Easter holiday.

Because of a shortage of stock in the market, a comparatively light demand was enough to bring good gains to the FT Index on three of the four days and at last night's close of 416.5 it stood 13.5 above its pre-holiday level. Roughly half of the losses since the 40-month index high " of a month ago have now been recouped. now been recouped.

Though this week's strong performance has been largely technical in character, some market men have interpreted it as the start of another "bull" phase with predictions of the index at 500 and beyond.

But a majority continues to take a more cautious line, feeling that the outcome of the phase three pay negotiations remains a vital factor in the marker's future performance. Evidence of the sensitivity to this poole came on both Thurs. this topic came on both Thursday and Friday when Mr Joe Gormley's outspoken opposition to further restraint, though regarded by many as a "routine" gesture, brought temporary bouts of nervous selling. The week began with modest gains in the lightest day's trading since the beginning of the year. The level of business was little better on Wednesday but shares had their best day

for a month as prices were marked sharply higher by jobbers auxious to attract some By this time the belief was gaining ground that the gilt market is close to the top of its present cycle and there were reports of some institutions switching cash into equities. The advance continued less spectacularly on Thursday, but yesterday the weight of pay worries and a retail prices index confirming the worst fears about inflation proved too much

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the success of equities and lost much of its recent impetus. Though the prospect of another quarter-point cut in the minimum lending rate helped shortdates, as the week progressed gains seldom exceeded three

eighths of a point.

"Longs" were even more subdued and additionally hampered by switching to the shorter end on interest rate considerations.

The week was dominated by sults, especially in the The week was dominated by results, especially in the engineering sector. Smiths Industries, up 9p to 141p, Wilmot-Breeden 3p to 72p, and Babcock & Wilcox 4p to 85p, all pleased with figures, the last named drawing particular benefit from its newly-acquired American interests. American interests.

Westland fell heavily on the news of a lost Middle East connews of a lost Middle East contract and the consequent possibility of 10 per cent redundancy. But a reassuring statement on the overall orders position helped the shares to recover a little. Over the week they were \$\frac{1}{2}p\ down to \$52\frac{1}{2}p\ Two companies raising cash with a rights issue—and also raising dividends—were Lonrho (£10m) and motor group Lex Service where the issue is Lex Service where the issue is for just over £4m. The former rose 6p to 78p and the latter just 11p to 52p. Takeovers, both actual and

prospective, saw renewed demand for Gallenkamp, up 17p the American parent tidying up its United Kingdom minorines, and Cavenham 133p, which again mer with demand in the hope of renewed terms from

the parent. Recent speculation in distil-ler Arthur Bell at 206p was partly resolved when General Accident took a stake and mail order group Freemans rose 12p to 206p after a share stake was revealed by Great Universal Stores. Others wanted included Muirhead, up 14p to 166p,

David Mott

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Year's high	Year's low	Company	Movement	Comment
936p	559p	BP,	68p to 862p	Alaska oil price hopes and Wal St
189p	63p	Camellia Inv	.19p to 189p	Firm teas
228p	80p	Common Bros	35p to 221p	Speculative demand
305p	105p	Gallenkamp	17p to 287p	Renewed interest
90p	18p	Lee Cooper	17p to 87p	Bid hopes
		. Fal	ls	
85p	50p	Ass Biscuits	5p to 60p	Comment on figures
162p	102p	Ocean Transport	7o to 144p	Lack of interest
157p	85p	Pride & Clarke	4p to 136p	Profit taking
69p	44p	Westland	8}o to 52}p	M-E order lost

Unit trust pertormance

UNIT TRUSTS: Medium and income funds (progress this year and the past three years). Unitholder index 176.8; rise from January 1, 1976: 10.9%.
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Ficcadilly Tech Framlington Cap F	18.0	38.9 85.2	Stewart British -6.1 Ulster Bank Growth -6.1
	7.1 7.0	42.5	Unicorn '500' -6.4
Discretionary F	7.0 6.8	51.0 71.3	Prolific -7.0 Carliol F -7.3
Rowan Securities Mercury General	6.5	_	Intel -7.5
Pelican.	6.5	40.1 55.5	Target Equity -7.5 S & P Ebor General -8.2
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Barclay Trust Invest	5.9	 39.5	Oceanic General -9.0 Piccadilly Inc/Grow -9.3
Kleinwort Benson F Anderson Unit Trust	5.8 5.5	35.3	
Piccadilly Private	5.4	-11.7	Worldwide —9.4 Unicorn Capital —9.6 London Wall Strong —9.6
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Legal & General Target Professional	-1.1	23.7	Lawson High Yield 2.0
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Hill Samuel British British Life	-1.9 -2.0	54.8 37.2	Abbey Income 0.3
Barrington S & P Scotsbares	-2.1	. 1	Abbey Income 0.3 Prolific High Inc 0.2 M & G Extra Yield -0.2 S & P High Return -0.2
Mutual 'Blue Chip'	-2.1 -2.3	17.8 30.9	S&P High Return -0.2
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Prudential	-2.4	39.9	Name Corret Income 1.11
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Cabot F Allied Ham British	-3.4	30.5	Pearl Income -2.2
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G and A	-4.5	39.2	Nat & Comm Inc F -5.9 Trident Market Lead -6.2
Marlborough	-5.0 -5.2	54.7 20.2	Bridge Income -7.2
Arbuthnot Giants	-5.3	9.1	S & P Select Inc F -7.9 Alben Income -8.0
Scottish Equitable Lloyds Bank Second	-5.7 -5.9	32.5	Charterhouse Inc -18.6
Britannia Com & Ind	-5.9	38.0	Crescent High Distr -12.9
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Statistics supplied by Money Management and Unitholder, 30 Finsbury Square, London EC2. A: Change since April 8, 1976 offer to bid, income reinvested.

B: Change since April 1, 1974 offer to bid, income reinvested.

Both taken to April 14, 1977.

M: Trust valued monthly.

F: Trust valued every two weeks. FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Decline for first time in 6 sessions

or the year.

Profit-taking, uninspiring industrial production figures and renewed worries over union opposition to further wage restraint proved more than enough to offset the influence of another quarter-point cut in MLR and by the close the FT Index was 4.5 down at 416.5. Over the week, the gain is 13.5 and, looked at in a wider perspective, shares have now recouped half of the losses incurred since the 40-month index "high" achieved a month ago.

month ago.

The MLR cut did little for the mlk cut did little for the gilt-edged market, where short dates fell up to three-sixteenths and "mediums" and "longs" were as much as half a point off.

Ahead of full-year figures, due on Thursday, seaweed processing group Alginate Industries jumped 10p to 257p in a thin market. Record, profits of around £2.4m, against £1.65m, have already been forecast, but some expect an even better figure, especially as production difficulties were solved late last

Dealers said that the falls were attributable to lack of interest as both the interest-rate move and the retail prices figures, which confirmed the fears about the pace of inflation, had been expected and, as such, discounted. An additional market depress-

ant, especially among the

Sandeman

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of up to £8m-worth of shares in an investment trust.

With several of the "blue chips" involved, Unilever fell 8p to 456p, ICI 6p to 356p and Glaxo 5p to 477p. More modestly, there were losses of 2p from both Beecham at 436p and Courtaulds at 120p.

On the bid scene, Andre Silentbloc rose 121p to 531p after terms worth 50p from BTR which fell 3p to 192p. Recent speculative issues like Muirhead 3p to 166p, United Scientific 8p to 190p and Gallenkamp 8p to 287p, all lost ground as profits were taken. But

as profits were taken. But others continued to go ahead with Hunting Associated better by 10p to 128p, De Vere up Sp to 139p and H. Boot firmer by 4p to 112p.

Issues to benefit from favourable comment, were Bestern able comment were Beatson Clark 2p to 99p, and Redfearn, where the rise was 7p to 103p. In a belated response to Thursday's figures, Smith's In-dustries went ahead by 5p to 141p, while RTZ, another with

a recent statement, rose another 3p to 226p. In the foods sector, Kwik

were at an unchanged 172p, after 174p, after sharply higher profits. But Associated Biscuits continued to reflect disappoint-ing figures and shed another 5p to 60p.
The Rhodesia developments

The Rhodesia developments continued to help the related bonds, notably the 2½ per cent which put on £5 to £42 on the improving settlement hopes.

Teas were again in demand with Camellia up 2p to 189p, a rise of 19p over the week, and Warren Tea gaining 7p, for a close of 155p. But the cut in mortgage rares did little for the mortgage rates did little for the building sector with the excep-tion of BPB, which went ahead to the tune of 5p, for a close of 160p. Housebuilders were

generally unchanged, though
Fairview did manage a penny
rise to 52 p.
Oils had a subdued session with BP just 2p ahead at 862p, but no less than 68p up over the week. Shell shed 61p to 496p, but some North Sea stocks met with a good demand notably Cawoods, up 6p to 118p and Thomson Organisation where the rise was 13p to 470p.

In stores, the first exception

Latest dividends

Сопрацу	D10	Year	Pay	Year's	Prev
(and par value)	div	a30	date	total	year
Brown Boveri Kent (25p)		_			
Fia	1.2	1		1.2	1
Kwik Save Disc (10p) Int	1.5	1,36	1/7	_	3.94
Morgan Crucible (25p)	1.97#	1.54	23./6	4.72	4.29
Geo. G. Sandeman (25p)	1.31	1.31	11/6	2.31	2.31
Senior Eng (10p)	0.52	0.48	3/6	1.05**	0.95
Dividends in this table are	shown	net of	tax on	pence p	er share
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** Also deferred div 0.02p if	ACT dro	ps to 33/	67.	•	

ing to Exchange Telegraph, were ICI, Shell, GKN new, BAT Dfd, BP, Beecham, Marks & Spencer, RTZ, Glaxo, Lloyds Bank, Royal, GKN, Trafalgar House, GUS "A", Burmah, Peachey, Gallenkamp, Smith Industries, United Scientific, Alginate City & Differential, Alginate City & Different inste, Gill & Duffus and Andre Embers sparked as BTR puts in

By Ray Maughan

The news from George G. Sandeman (port sherry and Capa Negra brandy) is not all bad. Profits, the directors hope, will be better this year than last-if costs in Spain and Portugal rise no further. But in 1976 pre-tax profits plunged from £917,000 to £408,000 or by more is also proposed. Although the bidder already than 55 per cent. At half time

gal, was less steep at 32 per A light tax charge helped earnings, which emerged at 2.34p against 4.20p and happily the gross dividend is 3.56p again. In 1973, profits were as high as £2.8m.

the fall, due to losses in Portu-

Senior's ten years

Exports, heavy capital spending and varied interests did Senior Engineering Group proud last year. With market forecasts varying between £3.8m before tax and more than £4m, Senior has come up with a splendid £4.7m against only £3.8m the year before. This 24 per cent increase com-pares with one of only 20 per cent in sales. At half-time the directors reported a brighter short term outlook and now, after a year of recession they plan to do even better this offices in Glasgow, Edinburgh year. In 1966 pre-tax profits were only £494,000. The gross dividend rises from 1.46p to 1.61p, and there will be an 1.61p, and there will be an 1.61p. 1.62p. dividend rises from 1.46p to 1.61p, and there will be an extra 0.031p if ACT drops.

BRITISH VITA IMPROVES Profitability from manufacturing operations in the UK for first quarter of current year compared favourably with last quarter of 1976, chairman told annual meet-

Foreign

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40.3 31.8 44.7 1.3 70.9 34.4

7.2 37.4 53.8 14.4 50p cash bid for Silentbloc bloc chairman (and chief legal per cent increase in pre-bid BTR is taking another bite at officer at Prudential Assurance

industrial rubber products and antivibration equipment manufacturer Andre Silentbloc, with a 50p a share cash bid. The offer values Silentbloc at £5.27m and a share alternative

holds 26.4 per cent, the market was expecting stiff resistance last night as Silentbloc shares climbed from 41p to a 31p premium over the offer price.

Relations between the two

camps have smouldered since BTR first launched a £2.1m for Silentbloc almost six years ago. The embers flickered into life almost five years later as BTR succeeded in blocking Silentbloc's plans for a change in its Articles of Association Mr Christoper Whitehorn, Silentwhich holds around 3 per cent of the Silentbloc equity) kept his boardroom seat only on a technicality. BTR has never equity accoun-

ted its holding or sought a representative in the Silentbloc boardroom. As Mr Owen Greene, BTR managing director, said yesterday: "Oil and water don't mix."

The acquisition will be finan-ced by last month's £12m rights the second in the space of 18 months—but Mr Owen stressed that BTR's "main thrust will comprise United States acquisitions" and the Silentbloc bid is seen as "clearing up an unresolved siruaso, its bid will be

pressed hard. It points out that old rothe offer price represents a 22 to run

capital values and, after capital gains rax, re-investment in local authority deposits would give a 63.5 per cent income improvement on Silentbloc's current annual dividend rate. Had Silentbloc shareholders accepted the 1971 offer, BTR calculates, their shares would have been worth the equivalent of 98p each.

both 5p lower.

Merchant Securities has around

80 per cent of the equity and the word is that it may be poised to bid for the minority.

In the last account, the value

Equity turnover on April was £65.65m (14,346 bargains).

Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph

The bidder also feels that Silentbloc's institutional sup-port may have been shaken when it made a paper bid for Engineers (Sutton)—said to be a loss-maker—from Charrington Industrial Holdings where Mr John Dowling was represented on both the Charrington and Silentbloc boards.

For its part, Silentbloc is olding its fire but the market convinced that the six-year old row has a good deal further

Provincial broker merger spree tax profit, £93,000 (£19,000). There

and one or two failures to merge, the tempo of stream-lining in broking could be quickening Glasgow broker S. M. Penney & MacGeorge with Castello.

Two Birmingham brokers are also getting together on the same day. They are Gilbert, a firm with three partners, and Barratt, Jeffs & Sankey who also have three. This new broker will be Gilbert, Jeffs and Briefly

WADE POTTERIES Sankey. Later this year, on July 25, Parsons & Co with offices in Glasgow, Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh and Salisbury House in London will merge with Kerr

Anderson Miller Stevenson, another Glasgow broker. This firm will be called simply Par-Turnover for half-year to Dec-ember 31, £4.16m (£3.35m). Pre-

is again no interim dividend. Board hopes next year will see return to dividends.

Sales for half-year to January 31, £3.09m (£3.16m). Pre-tax, profit £225,000 (£305,000). Interim payment, gross, up from 0.71p to 0.78p.

BENFORD CONCRETE Order intake, production, turnover and profitability have been
maintained to date at levels similar to last year. Indications are
they will continue to do so overall
at least until half-way, says chairman.

Revival at home spurs **Morgan Crucible**

was British Home with a gain of 2p to 193p but Suits gave up 3p for a finish of 70p. In shipping, the best spots were to be found in British & Commonwealth, up 4p to 271p, and Charles Hill of Bristol, which ended with a gain of 9p to 134p. ended with a gain of 5p to 154p.
In properties, renewed speculation about a possible bid helped Peachey to rise 41p to 421p ahead of the report, while others to go ahead were Hammerson "A" 2p to 405p and UK Properties 3p to 15p. Matthews Wrightson was his by profit-taking in the insur-ance sector and gave up 12p to 200p, while Hambro Life 215p and Sun Alliance 425p were the total by a third interim it so permitted. The total to date is lifted from 6.61p gross to Housebuilding and plant-hire group, Carlton Industries saw some speculative demand and closed 3p better at 82p, London

Well in line with market expectations Morgan Crucible carried on its robust progress to finish the year to January 2 some 60 per cent higher at E9.54m. Sales in turn increased from £25.5m. Sales in turn increased from £64.7m to £73.5000 and is after net finance charges down from £2.17m to £1.82m. After deducting extraordinary items of only £45,000 last rime, the attributable jumped from £2.25m to £4.51m. Earnings a share climbed from an adjusted 7p to 11p. Meanwhile the board is declaring a second interim dividend instead of a steady revival in industrial sectors of the home market. But other world markets, particularly in world markers, particularly in Continental Europe, were groping "still somewhat hesitantly" towards recovery.

Over £3m from Brown **Boveri Kent**

of equities deals stood at £614.22m, against £890.99m in the preceding period. Brown Boveri Kent turns in pre-tax profits up from £2.45m (for a year) to £3.04m pre-tax the mine months period to December 31. This was achieved shorter period compared with crediting extraordinary items of £463,000 against £310,000, net profit rises from £1.15m to

Earnings a share on a net basis improved from 2.32p to 3.44p and, nil distribution, from 2.96p to 4.08p. It pays a dividend for the nine months of 1.85p gross, equal to 2.46p gross on an annual basis, and compares with 154n. The period to December 1.54p. The period to December 31 is the last in respect of which dividends are not restricted by current limitations.

Generally, compared with the same period of 1975, turnover showed a growth of about 14 per cent while orders rose by slightly more. Though most of the increased sales value arose from inflation and currency changes, activity was " healthy throughout the group, with some volume growth in selected

In the current year liquidity should remain adequate, says the board.

Kwik Save's checkouts ring £3.8m

Kwik Save, the discounter stressing limited choice, low overheads and keen prices through its hundred or so stores, many now down South and in the West, is still finding souring food prices to its liking. Earlier hopes of pre-tax profits of around £3.4m for the 26 weeks to February 26 are left well behind with £3.8m against £2.16m. This jump of as much as 76 per cent on sales 65 per cent ahead at £68.5m compares with a profits gain of only 36 per cent the full year before.

The interim dividend rises by

the maximum from 2.1p to 2.3p, and given the first half showing, the directors' forecast of profits for the full year showing a "substantial" increase though "probably of a lesser percentage than the first half increase" is hardly dismaying. The shares duly responded with a 4p gain at one point but slipped to close unchanged at 172p. The snag is that they have spiralled from 80p since last year and the yield on a maxi-mum dividend would still be less than 4 per cent. But any remaining fears that Kwik Save would mislay its recipe with the

Ests & Gen row abates but rebels flare up at Newey

quelled by a "compromise" reduced, possibly by as much and another fomenting with the as 100,000 shares. aid of veteran campaigner Mr At Estates and General In-Leslie Harris comprise the vestments the shareholders' mixed package on the renewed association announce happier dissident front.

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other directors to improve overall results.

He also asks for members' comments on the holding of the Newey pension fund. The 1973 accounts showed the fund held about 11 per cent of the equity and "since no reference was made in the 1975 accounts" it could be assumed the holding

One shareholders' rebellion might be "considerably"

departure of Mr Albert Gubay can be laid to rest.

news in that the outstanding differences with the present between the association and the company. The company is also to pay a part only of the plaintiffs' costs—agreed at

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Additionally, the board is to nominate another director who is to be "acceptable" to the association. When the terms are

made effective, the association "will cease to exist" and signifying the "end of the battle" between the board and the dissidents. Recent Issues.

Discount market Credit conditions finally proved even tighter than had been expected in the discount market

Exchange In thin, pre-weekend trading, the pound closed little changed at \$1.7180, up one point on the day, after falling at one stage to \$1.7175. Its "effective rate" against a "basket" of currencies also showed no change on the day, at \$1.6, following an initial improvement to \$61.7. tionally large) and local authority bills (small) directly from the

initial improvement to 61.7.

The Bank of England gave modest support after the rise in the retail prices index had sparked off light selling, and on the MLR cut, though neither of these events made any lasting impact.

Dealers thought that the expected wider United Kingdom trade gap, due on Monday, could also have been largely discounted. First at first, the dollar relapsed in Europe to show a general decline but came off the bottom in most places following President Carter's anti-inflation package. Europeans ending higher in dollar terms included marks, 2.3655 (2.5700), Swiss francs, 2.5182 (2.5215), and Belgian francs, 36.38 (36.39).

(35.39). Gold closed in London at \$150.875, down \$1 on the day. **Spot Position**

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vesterday and the Bank of England was required to assist the market on an exceptionally large scale. The help was by way of purchases of Treasury bills (excep-

Yet this was spill not sufficient to fully alleviate the shortage and closing balances were taken up at 81-9 per cent, a level that obtained throughout. All the identified factors were against the market, some by a greater amount than had been anticipated.

Revenue transfers to the Ex-chequer exceeded Government disbursements by a bigger margin than had been expected, while notes flowed out into the weekond spending circulation faster than had been thought likely. In addition, banks' balances

were down overnight, there was a substantial Treasury bill take-up to finance and the market was required to repay the moderate loans made by the Bank of England on Thursday. Money Market Rates

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New York, April 15.—Stocks closed narrowly higher in moderate trading on the New York Stock Exchange today.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 0.76 to 947.76. Over the preceding five sessions, the blue chip index gained 32.27 points. points. At the opening bell, the morket ran into some profit-taking which carried over from the final minutes of trading Thursday and turned prices narrowly lower, particularly among the bine chips.

Silver gains 6.80c

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The Wall Street and Canadian stock prices given in the table relate to Thursday's close. Later publication is caused by the change to British Summer Time. This will continue until Eastern Daylight Time begins in the United States.

NATIONAL CARBONISING
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1. To receive the Reports of the Board of Directors, the "College des Commissaires", and the Company Auditor.
2. To approve the Balance Steet, Profit and Loss Account and the appropriation of Profits, for the year ended 31 December. 1976.
3. To give discharge to the Directors and "Commissaires".
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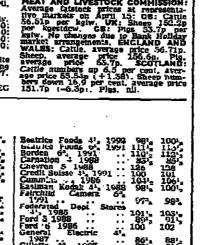
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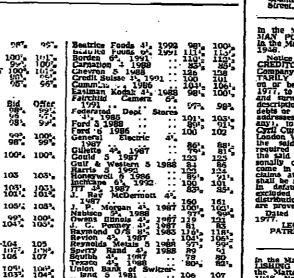
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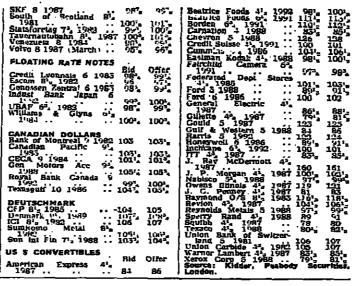
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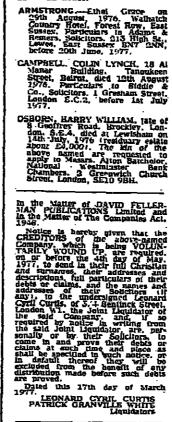






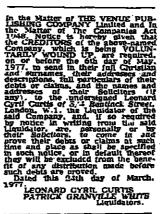


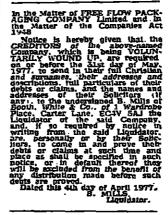
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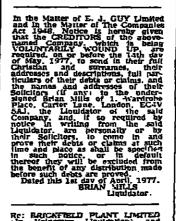


LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE is hereby given parsuant to \$27 of the TRUSTEE Art. 1922 that any person basing a CLIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased persons whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hareby required to send particulars in writing of his chaim or indexed to the person or persons members to the person or person members to the person contained before the carried person contained before the state of the deceased will be state that the deceased will be read butting the grant only to be called thereto butting required only to be called and intraces of which give had intraces of which give







In Voluntary Liquidetion) and
the Companies Act. 1948.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the CREDITORS of the above named
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Friday, 20th May, 1977, to stud
their names and addresses and
particulars of their debts or chilms
to the undersigned BERNARD
PHILLIPS, P.C.A., at 76 New
Cavendish Street, London W1M
SAH, the LIQUIDATOR of the said
Company and if so required by
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Dated this 7th day of April, 1977.
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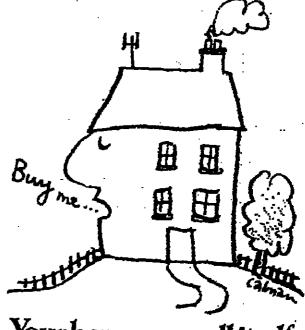
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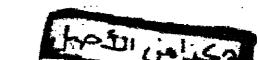


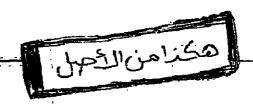
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there are advocates of both. The Yellow Pages yield several names in both categories, my own favourite being Cibenze. Prices are normally by the square yard-starting at £15 -subject to a minimum sum. The carpet, I think, is dry sooner by the steam methods.

Cleaning is not cheap. But there are firms who will hire carpet cleaning equipment, such as Trewax, 157 Dunstable Road, Luton LU1 1BW (Luton 38040). Trewax first introduced their steam-cleaning machines to hire shops about a couple of years ago and pioneered this DIY system-building and home cleaning plant hire shops are again to be found in the Yellow Pages.

You get a large, heavy, boxlike container which you plug into an electric socket to boil up water. But be warned, the boiling is a slow process. The hor water and the solvent are forced through a kind of vacuum-cleaner hose and a nozzle into the depths of the carpet, in a fine spray-mist so as not to soak it. Dirt and stains get flushed out, to be vacuumed away, and you are left with a moisture-extracted, surprisingly clean carpet. They say that about 90 per cent of the injected moisture will be gone when the job is done. Thus, depending on local conditions and temperature, to say nothing of a good air current, the carpet should be dry enough to walk on within the hour. There is no soap residue to trap more dirt, and no scrubbed look to the

The actual cleaning time obviously varies, but a room of some 25 square yards will probably take a couple of hours. The cost, which varies according to how long you hire, whether you collect, and other factors, should be only about one third of the professional cleaning contract, and some people reckon to have done it at quarter of the price. The hire shops are everywhere and Trewax can tell you about your local ones.

Many cleaning firms and branches hire out electric shampoo carpet machines for about 80p a day and you might use these with Shamporal, the cleaning solution made by the Sterling hygiene products group-you would need a £1.60 bottle. Perunpredictable but it is cheap. Details from Sterling Homecare, Sterling-Winthrop House, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 4PH.

Finally, whether it is carpets or curtains, upholstery or similar, I can only repeat the advice you got in our spring cleaning article two Saturdays ago. Look up your local Servicemaster for on-site work or write to head office at 3 Hammersmith Road, London, W14.

When it comes to doing something about the décor, cost can be just as prohibitive as for carpet cleaning. An easy way to dress up a room without repainting the entire place is to paper one wall with a strong, decorated paper. For me, this would never work because my rooms are so full of colour in furnishings, paintings, cushions and other accessories that my walls have to be white, and the paint comes from Woolworths for whom it is made by a first-class "family" business which still respects quality. I gloss the living room, stairs and corridors or anywhere that can be robbed or scuffed. The criticism that imperfections in the plaster show up do not worry me. For one thing I expect imperfections in plaster. For another, I prefer easily-washable walls and I do not accept that all the matt paints wash as satis-

almost wash them, it is true, but tidemarks are inevitable. Gloss paint not only wipes much more easily so that you can do far larger areas and

some lovely wallpapers about for those who do like them. When I had rather simpler rooms and furnishings, I used to love to put a scenic or trompe Poeil pattern into alcoves, on a chimney breast or along one more or less uninhabited wall without pictures and furniture. Such a luxury is rare except in houses with large rooms.

Laura Ashley papers are enchantingly pretty, although some larger, bolder patterns are also creeping into the range. There are shops in Bath, Shrewsbury, Oxford, Chester, Norwich, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Llanidloes Powys, as well as in ing of the lovely Sanderson

Sloane Street and Lower Sloane Street, London, Leaflets showing the papers in room settings from Carno, Powys,

Fabrics metch or coordinate. Pick up the basic colour of a paper with a plain fabric or keep to the same pattern for the whole run of a windowed wall. Laura Ashley hopes to open in Cheltenham and Nottingham this summer.

For larger, scenic or semiscenic patterns and splashy prints, look at the patterns of Mayfair Wallcoverings. This division of Commercial Plastics has ready-pasted vinyls with tough surfaces that wash down well. Prices ere about £4 a roll. The new collection is called Summertime and it can be seen in most decorating departments. Head office is at Berkeley Square House, Berkeley Square,

London, W1. and all that goes to dress up cloth and the like. You can, any room. It is a wonderful if the budget allows, even order Surely nobody needs remind-

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wallpapers and choose your own. colourings. And you can buy old prints and modern paintings if, by the time you get to the gallery, you have allowed yourself to leave any walls plain enough to set them off. It is open from 9.30 to 5.30 from Monday to Friday and until 7 pm on Thursdays. There are several ranges—not just Crown and Sanderson. The address is 52 Berners Street, London, W1.

Habitat is the place to go for colours in paint that you will not find anywhere else. Their decorating departments are advisory centres in themselves and not to be missed by any-one on the hant for originality. Talking of originality, it is worth visiting Zarach at 183

Sloane Street, London SW1 for that. But only if you are ready to spend as much as £18.50 a yard on princed cottons or £40 or £50 for painted panels to coordinate with the fabrics. A real feast for the eyes, of vegetables, fruit, flowers and

handprinted William Morris | more abstract designs, waits for you. Gorgeous, original tempting—as is the rest of their fur-niture—and exclusive but, I

repeat, expensive. I loathe net contains. Obviously some windows must have them but I avoid them where I can. My own bedroom, with sliding patio doors on to a tiny vegerable garden, has thin printed cotton with enormous flowers on it. They let in plenty of light and I have also a rooflight, a plastic dome above a dais of plants, and a Velux double-glazed window in the sloping roof opposite the main window. I do not happen to need a dark room to sleep so the lightness does not bother me, but I have solved the problem in spare bedrooms having dark curtains with plain white roller blinds to pull down for dressing in the daytime. You can buy plain blinds any-where but I do heartily recommend Reliant Blands, which operate a mish order system. They are excellent value, highly efficient and have some very pretty patterns by Mary Quant

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including a plain blind with a lovely floral border along the bottom. They supply the blinds on a seven-day free trial basis and you then send a cheque if satisfied. I was, and many friends have been. The address is Ashridge Road, Cheshan, Bucks for petterns.

Having declared a preference for unscreened windows, I must admit that there were some pretty ideas to be garhered from a recent exhibition by ICI in conjunction with the Rufflette tape people for Tery-lene nets. They teamed polks dot nets with patterned sheeting to make light curtains for bed-rooms. But it was not the fabric that counted so much as the tapes which gave the curtains pleased or draped effects. There is some superb striped sheeting at John Lewis shops. It transforms windows or beds to remind one of the more cheerful deckchairs or garden furniture; these vivid and cool for summer bed rooms or children's rooms. The sheeting is polyester cotton for crease resistance and costs £2.95 a metre (228 centimetres wide). Plain sheeting is also available for mix and match effects at £2.75 a metre for deep colours. The blue, red and green stripes can be thick, thin or a mixture of both and I like them against the dark colours although plain, pastel sheeting is available at £2.45 a

For thin, printed cottons you can rarely beat Head's—rhe tragedy is that photographs do no justice to their lovely colourings. The 1977 collection colourings. The 1977 collection has a lovely spring pattern called "Fieldfare", with blowing corn and a hint of poppies. "Linear" is a straped print in five colourways while "Tuscany " is a landscape redolent of that region. Raffia is a firstof that region. Raffia is a first-class idea for plain colours because it looks like the rough surface of raffia. A difficult one to hang is Identity but it would enthral a teenager since it is a design of fingerprints. "Hillside" offers wavy stripes. Ikebana is cool and Japanese and "Flowerfall" is frankly gay. Local stockists from Heal Fabrics, 196 Tottenham Court Road, London WIA 1BJ.

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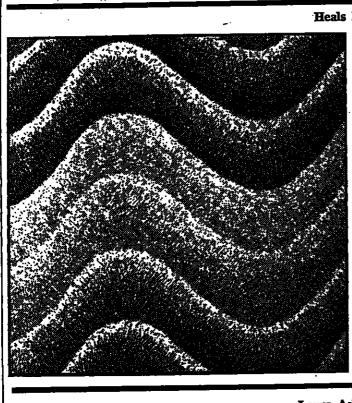
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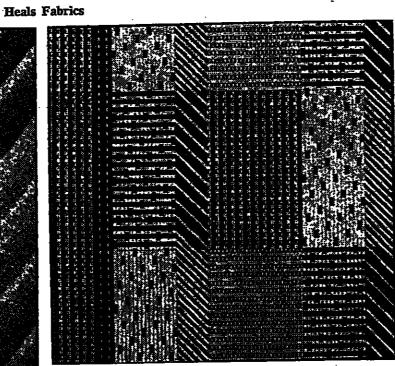
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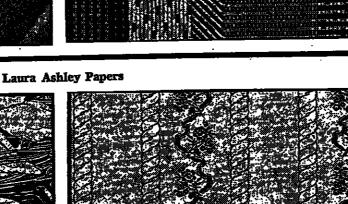
The fast way to redecorate the bedmom and to get a new, springtime feeling is to change the sheets, bedspread and/or duver cover. Dorma has some new beauties, with drama or with daintiness—well stocked everywhere and by mail from a highly recommended company celled Helios Home Supplies, Marlborough Mill, Macclestield, Cheshire. Try Marrakesh for a disciplined if oriental effect, or Jupiter, an evolution from the Jupiter, an evolution from the famous Satura design, for drama. Arlentis, a Mary Quant pattern, is stripey again, in time with the stripes that abound this year. Helios also has a handsome towel, exclusive to on the borders, as well as some pretty tablecloths, Pringle knitar and suchlike. They stock Osman quitts, duvet covers and would be attracted by Primavera and Italian garden colours. Your local Dorma stockist will probably have their Bedroom 1977 book, which costs 20p, but which shows a wide range. A breakfast in bed series of photographs gives some amusing ideas for breakfasts for special occasions—but I wish they had realized that caviar must be kept in a refrigerator or at least an icy larder and not in a cupboard Bedroom is published by Dorma at PO Box 7, Lees Street, Swinton, Manchester—remem-ber the 20p.

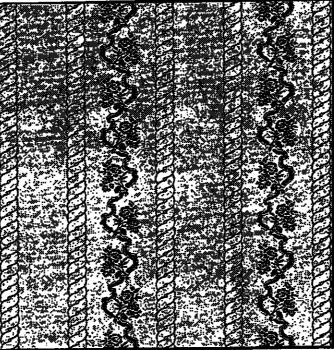
Vantona has a really feminine, really pretty-posy design, surprisingly by Hardy Amies whose taste generally runs to the classic but who obviously has different ideas about bedrooms.

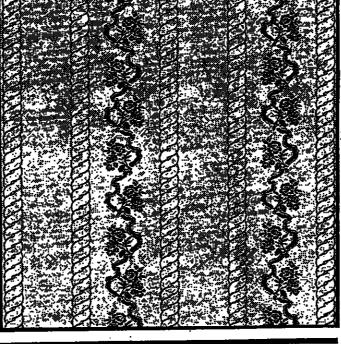
Horrockses new " Wamsutta " range is in percale, a fine-grade fabric of Terylene and cotton which has more threads to the which has more threads to the square inch than ordinary sheetings, and which has a nice smooth feel to it. The Dior Rose pattern has a few long stemmed roses which are a cool, clean change from the usual profusion and there are towels to match. I do not like, but teenagers just might like, Sweet Denim blues, a kind of patchwork denim Watteau Rose would suir the traditional approach. Stockists, of which there are many, from Horrockses, Centenary Mill, New Hall Lane, Preston,

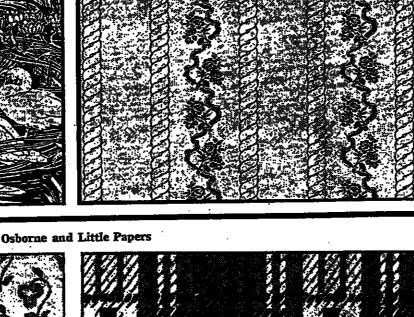


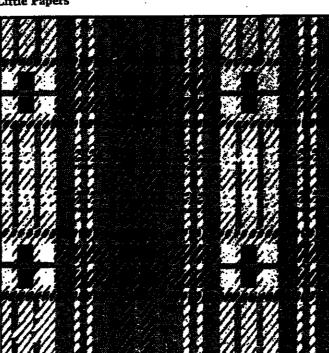


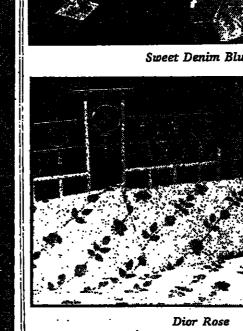




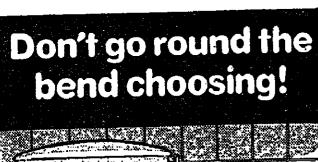


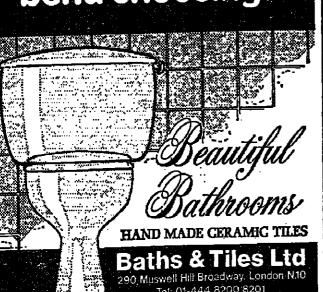






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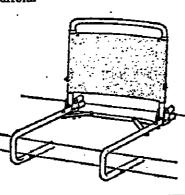
currently trying out a backrest for car drivers on which I will report after a really long drive. It was football hooligans do to lives and therefore with some interest that to the sport. I tried the Zanetta backrest.

pact, folding chairback which a very good idea. The price is transforms a plain bench or form £4.80 direct from the Zanetta Cominto a chair. The thickness of the bench should not be more than two inches but then it hardly ever is. A curved metal stay, packed separately to keep the carrying pack flat, is wedged into the tubular, metal uprights to hold the vinyl rigid across the back. Great for those hours at cricket or Wimbledon.

Zanetta makes all the difference to watching a wide variety of spectator sports. I fear that by

I keep reading statistics about some football spectators it could backache and how many people be regarded as just another object of all ages suffer from it—I am to throw. However, I like to think that no such hooligans read this page. I wish that players' scores could be penalized for the damage

But back to the Zanetta; it This is a very lightweight, com- weighs a mere kilo, is reliable and pany, Trafalgar Street, Lowestoft.

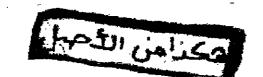


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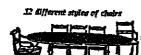
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Two long hot summers, and the pleasing prospect of more to come if the long-term forecasters are to be believed, have changed many people's attitudes to garden furniture. Outdoor living, which long seemed an aberration of Continentals and others blessed with unnatural climates and a peculiar tolerance of files, has found new favour in Britain.

But I have been caught offguard by the suddenly propirious inclination of the weather. At the time of writing as through last year's droughtmy stock of garden furniture comprises one Homa Consul Comfort chair (£38.95 from Head's), one folding canvas chair of uncertain age and stability, two large oil tanks painted white and feebly disguised with pots and some trails of clematis, a galvanized iron bath with several holes in it, and a straw-

Worse. Not only am I short of garden furniture. I do not, in any real sense of the word, have a garden. There is just room, at the head of the path, for my wife to extend herself aboard the Homa, our showpiece, with her head in the back door and her feet almost touching the nearest tank.

For me that familiar picture symbolizes the yearning for outdoor grace, elegance and comfort that suddenly we have all

Not that I have been inexperienced in furnishing gardens in the past. In Hampshire, we had garden seats on a green lawn beneath apple trees and against a setting of ebullient shrub roses. The setting was right, but the storage and maintenance were not. Unpainted our furniture rotted at the joints, grew green and finally collapsed. Weatherproof golden iroko from Branson and Co, the Garden Trading Estate, Devizes (chairs from £40), would have survived better.

In Cornwall, choosing material to suit the setting again, we built our own picnic places with slabs of slate. They still stand, are still used, but no one could claim they are the last word in comfort.

In Wales we had choice of local slate or timber, and this time ordered a picnic table and benches—all built in one piece—from the Forestry Commission. sion. They are the sort of thing you see at county council picnic sites, built to withstand vandalism as well as weather.

Their availability varies, but there are two forests which offer a selection of designs. The Grizedale forest in the

Lake District offer two types, one set in a concrete base (£70) and the other all in 3 treosote-treated timber (£75).

They will send a descriptive leaflet in return for a stamped addressed envelope to their office at Hawkshead, Ambleside,

Brechfa Forest, at Maes-ygroes. Brechia, Carmarthen, Dyfed, are also preparing a brochure, but it is not ready yet. Their picnic benches are treated with preservative under pres-sure so that they should need no further attention for 10 to 20 years. The price is £50, again ith VAT and carriage (which is likely to be a lot) to add.

It is not only garden room that is required for more stylish furaiture though. You will need storage space too, since most of the Continental makes cannot be left out in the rain. Some of the cushions are even padded with coloured foam, which will stain the fabric at first soaking. If you are likely to want to use the furniture at the poolside, then, you must be careful to choose the right sort. The Italian manufacturers, Emu, do

Italian manufacturers, Emu, do a range, on display with much else beautiful at Harrods.

I understand that eventually Triconfort, the French Rolls-Royce of garden furniture manufacturers, intend to make all their furniture of weather-proof epoxy-bonded resin. The decorous Monaco chair, for example, is about £90 in lacquered timber and £106 in bonded resin. As yet, though, the garden trolley for summer drinks (£116) and the oval tables (£172) are only available in wood, and need careful storage.

some stackable steel-alloy chairs in Vogue's racing green or a sunny yellow (about £23) and a matching table (£33) which would most attractively solve the al fresco journalist's problem of where to park his type-writer

Whichever range you choose you will require a parasol. One of the most attractive I have seen was an oblong one to set over a ten-seater table (£270 the table, and £120 the brolly) by the French firm Hugonet, but at the same store, Heal's, is currently a promotion for a Danish range in their own cotton lattice-pattern fabric which brings the parasol (usually £17.95) free with every order over £129. Of course you will need a parasol stand (£4.25).

To complete the move out of doors, it will be increasingly fashionable to have a barbecue. The smallest cost little more than £10, while a really grand affair like the Le Creuset Tournebraise is £228; but you haven't finished even then, be haven't mushed even thea, because you will probably need
a grill base (£2.20 a bag), charcoal (about £2 for 51bs), lighter
fuel (£1 a bottle), long tongs
and fork (£2.25), a basting brush
a shovel, bellows and fire tongs.
... I have yet to be satisfied that the most expensive equipment will work any better than a pile of bricks, some old railing, an upturned dustbin lid with holes punched in it and some chicken wire—but you can

certainly do it in greater style.

In greatest style, indeed, if you install a Haddonstone barbecue table, a six-seater in reconstituted stone finished with handlaid vitreous mosaic. The portable barbecue fits in the middle and the ensemble costs from £465. The firm supply a comprehensive range of other garden finery too stone seats and ornaments, fountains and accessories and dovecotes—so their tempting catalogue is worth writing for:
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Left: A pretty bamboo chair for the fashionable

conservatory or patio: £79.90 from the Reject shops, 245 Brompton Road, SW3; 209

Tottenham Court Road, W1; and East Street, Brighton. A similar style bamboo sofa and smaller chair are also available.



The iroko picnic unit, from Heal's, costs from £75. The Lido chair behind and the Windsor canopied swing-couch opposite are from the Danish Homa range; the circular teak table, by Barlow Tyrie of Springwood Industrial Estate, Braintree, Essex, costs £43, and can be drilled to take a parasol (from about £13, stand extra). The barbecue is a black enamelled cast iron Universal-Grill-Lok, which can also serve, the makers suggest, as a garden incinerator. It costs about £220, at Harrods.

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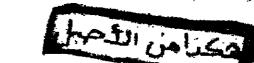
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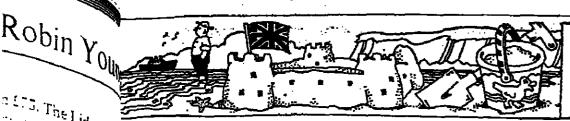
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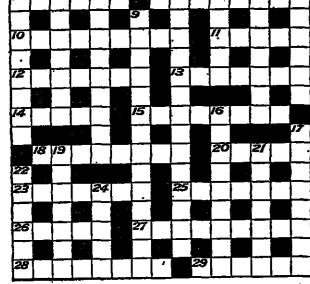
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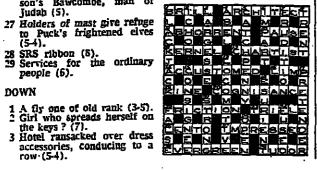
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